By Senator Detert

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to hearsay; amending s. 90.801, F.S.; providing that a statement that is inconsistent with the declarant's testimony is not hearsay regardless of whether it was given under oath subject to the penalty of perjury at a trial, hearing, or other proceeding or in a deposition; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 90.801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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90.801 Hearsay; definitions; exceptions.-

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(2) A statement is not hearsay if the declarant testifies at the trial or hearing and is subject to cross-examination concerning the statement and the statement is:

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(a) Inconsistent with the declarant's testimony and was given under oath subject to the penalty of perjury at a trial, hearing, or other proceeding or in a deposition;

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(b) Consistent with the declarant's testimony and is offered to rebut an express or implied charge against the declarant of improper influence, motive, or recent fabrication; or

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(c) One of identification of a person made after perceiving the person.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.