

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to no-knock search warrants; creating  
 3           s. 933.102, F.S.; providing a definition; requiring  
 4           that no-knock search warrants only be issued as  
 5           provided in statute; limiting the offenses for which  
 6           such warrants may be issued; providing requirements  
 7           for issuance of such warrants; providing an effective  
 8           date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Section 933.102, Florida Statutes, is created  
 13 to read:

14           933.102 No-knock warrants.-

15           (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "no-knock  
 16 search warrant" means a search warrant served by entry without  
 17 prior identification.

18           (2) A search warrant may not be served by entry without  
 19 prior identification unless a no-knock search warrant has been  
 20 issued in compliance with this section. Such a warrant may not  
 21 be issued for investigation of a misdemeanor offense.

22           (3) A no-knock search warrant may be issued only if the  
 23 affidavit for such warrant:

24           (a) Complies with the requirements of this chapter.

25           (b) Specifically requests the issuance of a no-knock

26 search warrant.

27 (c)1. Has been reviewed and approved personally by the  
28 head of the law enforcement agency requesting the warrant, who  
29 certifies that:

30 a. Such a warrant is the only way to get the items sought  
31 in the warrant.

32 b. It is the safest course of action for officers serving  
33 the warrant.

34 c. There is an extremely limited likelihood that innocent  
35 individuals may be harmed.

36 2. Such review and approval may take place as allowed by  
37 statute or court rule or by means of facsimile transmission,  
38 telephonic transmission, or other electronic transfer.

39 (4) If the grounds for the issuance of a no-knock search  
40 warrant are established by a confidential informant, the  
41 affidavit for such warrant shall contain a statement by the  
42 affiant concerning when such grounds became known or were  
43 verified by the affiant. The statement shall not identify the  
44 confidential informant.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.