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The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice  
(Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 70 - 223  
and insert:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2025, subsection (7) is added  
to section 112.1815, Florida Statutes, to read:

112.1815 Firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical  
technicians, and law enforcement officers; special provisions  
for employment-related accidents and injuries.—

(7) An individual who is certified as a first responder and



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11 who has a physical disability resulting from an amputation may  
12 continue to serve as a first responder if he or she meets the  
13 first responder certification requirements without an  
14 accommodation.

15 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2025, section 112.195, Florida  
16 Statutes, is created to read:

17 112.195 Florida Medal of Valor and Florida Blue/Red Heart  
18 Medal.—

19 (1)(a) There is created the Florida Medal of Valor for  
20 first responders as defined in s. 112.1815 and related  
21 personnel. The medal may be awarded only to a first responder or  
22 related personnel who goes above and beyond the call of duty to  
23 save the life of an individual.

24 (b) There is created the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal. The  
25 medal shall be awarded to a law enforcement officer,  
26 firefighter, correctional officer, or correctional probation  
27 officer who is injured in the line of duty.

28 (2) The Governor, or his or her designee, may present the  
29 awards. The awards shall be issued and administered through the  
30 Department of Law Enforcement. A resident of this state or an  
31 employing agency in this state must apply for the Florida Medal  
32 of Valor or the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal on behalf of the  
33 potential recipient.

34 (3)(a) An application for a medal under this section must  
35 be considered and acted upon by a board charged with the duty of  
36 evaluating the appropriateness of the application. The board  
37 shall be composed of five members as follows:

38 1. Three members appointed by the Governor.

39 2. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of



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Representatives.

3. One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

(b) Members of the board shall serve 2-year terms. Any vacancy on the board must be filled within 3 months. At least three board members must be active, retired, or former law enforcement officers or firefighters.

Section 3. Section 316.2675, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.2675 Motor vehicle kill switches; prohibited uses.—

(1) A person may not use a device that allows a person, other than the person in physical control of a motor vehicle, to shut off that vehicle's engine or prevent the engine from starting. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

(a) A law enforcement officer in the course of his or her duties in order to prevent the commission of a felony.

(b) Any subscription, membership, or other recurring-payment programs or leased electronic consumer products, which are used with the consent of the owner of the vehicle.

(c) A mechanism or feature that is used with the consent of the owner of the vehicle and:

1. Addresses an imminent critical safety issue impacting a mechanical or software component of a motor vehicle;

2. Activates when a driver of a motor vehicle is incapacitated, suffers a medical emergency, or experiences a loss of consciousness;

3. Takes corrective action in a motor vehicle with an engaged partial driving automation feature if the driver is not attentive or engaged in the driving task and does not respond to



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warnings;

4. Brings a motor vehicle with an engaged automated driving system to a minimal-risk condition; or

5. Automatically shuts off the engine or motor of an idling motor vehicle that has been left on for an extended period of time while in the park position.

(2) A person who violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 775.0823, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

775.0823 Violent offenses committed against specified justice system personnel.—The Legislature does hereby provide for an increase and certainty of penalty for any person convicted of a violent offense against any law enforcement or correctional officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9); against any state attorney elected pursuant to s. 27.01 or assistant state attorney appointed under s. 27.181; against any public defender elected pursuant to s. 27.50 or regional counsel appointed pursuant to s. 27.511(3); against any court-appointed counsel appointed under s. 27.40 or defense attorney in a criminal proceeding; or against any justice or judge of a court described in Art. V of the State Constitution, which offense arises out of or in the scope of the officer's duty as a law enforcement or correctional officer, the state attorney's or assistant state attorney's duty as a prosecutor or investigator, the public defender or regional counsel acting in his or her capacity as defense counsel, the court-appointed counsel or defense attorney in a criminal proceeding acting in



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his or her capacity as defense counsel, or the justice's or judge's duty as a judicial officer, as follows:

(2) For attempted murder in the first degree as described in s. 782.04(1), a sentence pursuant to s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084 with a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years imprisonment.

Notwithstanding s. 948.01, with respect to any person who is found to have violated this section, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld.

Section 5. Section 790.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.051 Exemption from licensing requirements; law enforcement officers.—Law enforcement officers and correctional probation officers, as defined in s. 943.10(3), are exempt from the licensing and penal provisions of this chapter when acting at any time within the scope or course of their official duties or when acting at any time in the line of or performance of duty.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 790.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.052 Carrying concealed firearms; off-duty law enforcement officers.—

(1)(a) All persons holding active certifications from the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers or correctional officers as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (6), (7), (8), or (9), all judges, and all state attorneys and assistant state attorneys shall have the right to



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carry, on or about their persons, concealed firearms, during off-duty hours, at the discretion of their superior officers, and may perform those law enforcement functions that they normally perform during duty hours, utilizing their weapons in a manner which is reasonably expected of on-duty officers in similar situations.

Section 7. Subsection (4) is added to section 817.49, Florida Statutes, to read:

817.49 False reports of commission of crimes; penalty.—

(4) The Legislature finds that the false reporting of crimes is a threat to public safety and a threat to the safety of law enforcement officers and other first responders. As such, the Legislature encourages each state attorney to adopt a prosecution policy for the false reporting of crimes as prohibited in this section.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 27

and insert:

An act relating to public safety; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; authorizing first responder amputees to continue to serve as first responders under certain circumstances; creating s. 112.195, F.S.; creating the Florida Medal of Valor and the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal; providing requirements for such medals; creating a board to evaluate applications for awarding such medals; providing for board membership; creating s. 316.2675, F.S.; prohibiting the use of motor



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vehicle kill switches; providing exceptions; providing  
criminal penalties; amending s. 775.0823, F.S.;  
providing a minimum mandatory sentence for attempted  
murder of specified justice system personnel; amending  
s. 790.051, F.S.; providing correctional probation  
officers with the same firearms rights as law  
enforcement officers; amending s. 790.052, F.S.;  
providing that specified persons may carry concealed  
firearms under certain circumstances and use them in  
the same manner as on-duty law enforcement officers;  
amending s. 817.49, F.S.; providing legislative  
findings concerning prosecution of the false reporting  
of crimes; amending s. 951.27,