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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to mandatory minimum sentences; 3 amending s. 775.087, F.S.; deleting aggravated assault 4 from the list of convictions which carry a minimum 5 term of imprisonment if during the commission of the 6 offense the convicted person possessed a firearm or 7 destructive device; deleting aggravated assault from a 8 list of convictions which carry a minimum term of 9 imprisonment if during the commission of the offense 10 the convicted person possessed a firearm or destructive device; deleting aggravated assault from 11 12 the list of convictions which carry a minimum term of 13 imprisonment if during the commission of the offense the convicted person possessed a semiautomatic firearm 14 15 and its high-capacity detachable box magazine or a 16 machine gun; deleting a provision prohibiting a court 17 from imposing the mandatory minimum sentence for a conviction for aggravated assault if the court makes 18 19 specified written findings; conforming crossreferences; amending s. 985.557, F.S.; conforming a 20 21 cross-reference; reenacting ss. 27.366, 921.0022(2), 2.2 921.0024(1)(b), and 947.146(3)(b), F.S., relating to legislative intent and policy in cases meeting the 23 criteria of s. 775.087(2) and (3), F.S., the Criminal 24 25 Punishment Code, the Criminal Punishment Code 26 worksheet, and the Control Release Authority,

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PCS for HB 135 2016 ORIGINAL 27 respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 775.087, F.S., in references thereto; providing an 28 29 effective date. 30 31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 32 33 Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (6) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 34 35 775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery; 36 felony reclassification; minimum sentence.-37 Any person who is convicted of a felony or an (2)(a)1. attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a 38 39 weapon is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for: 40 a. Murder; 41 Sexual battery; b. 42 Robbery; с. d. Burglary; 43 44 Arson; e. 45 f. Aggravated assault; 46 f.g. Aggravated battery; 47 g.h. Kidnapping; h.i. Escape; 48 i.<del>j.</del> Aircraft piracy; 49 j.k. Aggravated child abuse; 50 51 k.1. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled 52 adult;

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53	<u>l.</u> m. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
54	destructive device or bomb;
55	<u>m.</u> n. Carjacking;
56	<u>n.</u> Home-invasion robbery;
57	<u>o.p.</u> Aggravated stalking;
58	<u>p.q.</u> Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine,
59	capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs,
60	capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in
61	phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking
62	in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone,
63	trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine,
64	trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-
65	hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol,
66	trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s.
67	893.135(1); or
68	<u>q.</u> r. Possession of a firearm by a felon
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70	and during the commission of the offense, such person actually
71	possessed a "firearm" or "destructive device" as those terms are
72	defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of
73	imprisonment of 10 years, except that a person who is convicted
74	for <del>aggravated assault,</del> possession of a firearm by a felon $_{ au}$ or
75	burglary of a conveyance shall be sentenced to a minimum term of
76	imprisonment of 3 years if such person possessed a "firearm" or
77	"destructive device" during the commission of the offense.
78	However, if an offender who is convicted of the offense of
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possession of a firearm by a felon has a previous conviction of committing or attempting to commit a felony listed in s. 775.084(1)(b)1. and actually possessed a firearm or destructive device during the commission of the prior felony, the offender shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs (a)1.a.-p. (a)1.a.-q., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a "firearm" or "destructive device" as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

92 3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt 93 to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs (a)1.a.-p. 94 (a)1.a.-q., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an 95 element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a "firearm" or "destructive 96 97 device" as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any 98 99 person, the convicted person shall be sentenced to a minimum 100 term of imprisonment of not less than 25 years and not more than 101 a term of imprisonment of life in prison.

(b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence of incarceration as authorized by law in

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addition to the minimum mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by law.

Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under s. 947.149, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed 116 (C) 117 pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized 118 by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under 119 chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum sentence must be 120 imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment pursuant to this section are less than the sentences that could be 121 imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal 122 Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by 123 124 the court must include the mandatory minimum term of 125 imprisonment as required in this section.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who actually possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use firearms or destructive devices be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and the minimum terms of imprisonment imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be Page 5 of 20

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131	imposed for each qualifying felony count for which the person is
132	convicted. The court shall impose any term of imprisonment
133	provided for in this subsection consecutively to any other term
134	of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense.
135	(3)(a)1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an
136	attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a
137	firearm is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for:
138	a. Murder;
139	b. Sexual battery;
140	c. Robbery;
141	d. Burglary;
142	e. Arson;
143	f. Aggravated assault;
144	<u>f.g.</u> Aggravated battery;
145	<u>g.</u> h. Kidnapping;
146	<u>h.i.</u> Escape;
147	<u>i.</u> j. Sale, manufacture, delivery, or intent to sell,
148	manufacture, or deliver any controlled substance;
149	<u>j.</u> k. Aircraft piracy;
150	<u>k.</u> Aggravated child abuse;
151	<u>l.</u> m. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled
152	adult;
153	<u>m.</u> n. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
154	destructive device or bomb;
155	<u>n.</u> Carjacking;
156	<u>o.</u> p. Home-invasion robbery;
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157	<u>p.q.</u> Aggravated stalking; or
158	<u>q.<del>r.</del> Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine,</u>
159	capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs,
160	capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in
161	phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking
162	in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone,
163	trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine,
164	trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-
165	hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol,
166	trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s.
167	893.135(1);
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169	and during the commission of the offense, such person possessed
170	a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box
171	magazine or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, shall be
172	sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years.
173	2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt
174	to commit a felony listed in subparagraph (a)1., regardless of
175	whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and
176	during the course of the commission of the felony such person
177	discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box
178	magazine or a "machine gun" as defined in s. 790.001 shall be
179	sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.
180	3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt
181	to commit a felony listed in subparagraph (a)1., regardless of
182	whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and
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183 during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box 184 185 magazine or a "machine gun" as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the 186 result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was 187 inflicted upon any person, the convicted person shall be 188 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 25 189 years and not more than a term of imprisonment of life in 190 prison.

191 (b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or 192 subparagraph (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a 193 longer sentence of incarceration as authorized by law in 194 addition to the minimum mandatory sentence, or from imposing a 195 sentence of death pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not 196 197 authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise 198 required by law.

Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under s. 947.149, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

(c) If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum sentence must be Page 8 of 20

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imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment pursuant to this section are less than the sentences that could be imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by the court must include the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment as required in this section.

215 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who 216 possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use 217 a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box 218 magazine or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001 be punished 219 to the fullest extent of the law, and the minimum terms of 220 imprisonment imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be 221 imposed for each qualifying felony count for which the person is 222 convicted. The court shall impose any term of imprisonment 223 provided for in this subsection consecutively to any other term 224 of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense.

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(e) As used in this subsection, the term:

1. "High-capacity detachable box magazine" means any detachable box magazine, for use in a semiautomatic firearm, which is capable of being loaded with more than 20 centerfire cartridges.

230 2. "Semiautomatic firearm" means a firearm which is
231 capable of firing a series of rounds by separate successive
232 depressions of the trigger and which uses the energy of
233 discharge to perform a portion of the operating cycle.

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(6) Notwithstanding s. 27.366, the sentencing court shall

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235 not impose the mandatory minimum sentence required by subsection 236 (2) or subsection (3) for a conviction for aggravated assault if 237 the court makes written findings that: 238 (a) The defendant had a good faith belief that the 239 aggravated assault was justifiable pursuant to chapter 776. 240 (b) The aggravated assault was not committed in the course 241 of committing another criminal offense. 242 (c) The defendant does not pose a threat to public safety. 243 (d) The totality of the circumstances involved in the 244 offense do not justify the imposition of such sentence. 245 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 246 985.557, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 247 985.557 Direct filing of an information; discretionary and 248 mandatory criteria.-(2) MANDATORY DIRECT FILE.-249 250 (d)1. With respect to any child who was 16 or 17 years of 251 age at the time the alleged offense was committed, the state 252 attorney shall file an information if the child has been charged 253 with committing or attempting to commit an offense listed in s. 254 775.087(2)(a)1.a.-p. s. 775.087(2)(a)1.a.-q., and, during the 255 commission of or attempt to commit the offense, the child: 256 a. Actually possessed a firearm or destructive device, as 257 those terms are defined in s. 790.001. 258 Discharged a firearm or destructive device, as b. 259 described in s. 775.087(2)(a)2. 260 c. Discharged a firearm or destructive device, as Page 10 of 20

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261 described in s. 775.087(2)(a)3., and, as a result of the 262 discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any 263 person.

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2. Upon transfer, any child who is:

a. Charged under sub-subparagraph 1.a. and who has been
previously adjudicated or had adjudication withheld for a
forcible felony offense or any offense involving a firearm, or
who has been previously placed in a residential commitment
program, shall be subject to sentencing under s. 775.087(2)(a),
notwithstanding s. 985.565.

b. Charged under sub-subparagraph 1.b. or sub-subparagraph
1.c., shall be subject to sentencing under s. 775.087(2)(a),
notwithstanding s. 985.565.

3. Upon transfer, any child who is charged under this paragraph, but who does not meet the requirements specified in subparagraph 2., shall be sentenced under s. 985.565; however, if the court imposes a juvenile sanction, the court must commit the child to a high-risk or maximum-risk juvenile facility.

4. This paragraph shall not apply if the state attorney
has good cause to believe that exceptional circumstances exist
that preclude the just prosecution of the child in adult court.

5. The Department of Corrections shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that any child 16 or 17 years of age who is convicted and sentenced under this paragraph be completely separated such that there is no physical contact with adult offenders in the facility, to the extent that it is

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287 consistent with chapter 958.

288 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 289 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in a 290 reference thereto, Section 27.366, Florida Statutes, is 291 reenacted to read:

292 27.366 Legislative intent and policy in cases meeting 293 criteria of s. 775.087(2) and (3).-It is the intent of the 294 Legislature that convicted criminal offenders who meet the criteria in s. 775.087(2) and (3) be sentenced to the minimum 295 296 mandatory prison terms provided therein. It is the intent of the 297 Legislature to establish zero tolerance of criminals who use, 298 threaten to use, or avail themselves of firearms in order to 299 commit crimes and thereby demonstrate their lack of value for 300 human life. It is also the intent of the Legislature that 301 prosecutors should appropriately exercise their discretion in 302 those cases in which the offenders' possession of the firearm is 303 incidental to the commission of a crime and not used in 304 furtherance of the crime, used in order to commit the crime, or 305 used in preparation to commit the crime. For every case in which 306 the offender meets the criteria in this act and does not receive 307 the mandatory minimum prison sentence, the state attorney must 308 explain the sentencing deviation in writing and place such 309 explanation in the case file maintained by the state attorney.

310 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 311 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in a 312 reference thereto, Subsection (2) of section 921.0022, Florida

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313 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

314 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity 315 ranking chart.-

The offense severity ranking chart has 10 offense 316 (2) 317 levels, ranked from least severe, which are level 1 offenses, to 318 most severe, which are level 10 offenses, and each felony 319 offense is assigned to a level according to the severity of the 320 offense. For purposes of determining which felony offenses are 321 specifically listed in the offense severity ranking chart and 322 which severity level has been assigned to each of these 323 offenses, the numerical statutory references in the left column 324 of the chart and the felony degree designations in the middle 325 column of the chart are controlling; the language in the right 326 column of the chart is provided solely for descriptive purposes. 327 Reclassification of the degree of the felony through the application of s. 775.0845, s. 775.0861, s. 775.0862, s. 328 329 775.087, s. 775.0875, s. 794.023, or any other law that provides an enhanced penalty for a felony offense, to any offense listed 330 331 in the offense severity ranking chart in this section shall not 332 cause the offense to become unlisted and is not subject to the 333 provisions of s. 921.0023.

334 Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 335 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in a 336 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 337 921.0024, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

338 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;

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339 scoresheets.-

- 340 (1)
- 341 (b) WORKSHEET KEY:

Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for an offender's legal status.

346 Community sanction violation points are assessed when a 347 community sanction violation is before the court for sentencing. 348 Six (6) sentence points are assessed for each community sanction 349 violation and each successive community sanction violation, 350 unless any of the following apply:

351 1. If the community sanction violation includes a new 352 felony conviction before the sentencing court, twelve (12) 353 community sanction violation points are assessed for the 354 violation, and for each successive community sanction violation 355 involving a new felony conviction.

356 2. If the community sanction violation is committed by a 357 violent felony offender of special concern as defined in s. 358 948.06:

a. Twelve (12) community sanction violation points are
assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of
felony probation or community control where:

362 I. The violation does not include a new felony conviction; 363 and

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364 II. The community sanction violation is not based solely 365 on the probationer or offender's failure to pay costs or fines 366 or make restitution payments.

b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points
are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation
of felony probation or community control where the violation
includes a new felony conviction.

371 Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the
372 sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the
373 assessment of community sanction violation points.

374 Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary 375 offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or 376 level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single 377 assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the 378 379 offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the 380 381 offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from 382 383 confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later, 384 is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any additional offense was committed. 385

386 Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more 387 prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points

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388 shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for 389 390 the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital 391 felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital 392 felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo 393 contendere or quilty or has been found quilty; or a felony in 394 another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that 395 jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were 396 committed in this state.

397 Possession of a firearm, semiautomatic firearm, or machine gun: 398 If the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to 399 commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(2) 400 while having in his or her possession: a firearm as defined in 401 s. 790.001(6), an additional eighteen (18) sentence points are 402 assessed; or if the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in 403 s. 775.087(3) while having in his or her possession a 404 405 semiautomatic firearm as defined in s. 775.087(3) or a machine qun as defined in s. 790.001(9), an additional twenty-five (25) 406 sentence points are assessed. 407

408 Sentencing multipliers:

409 Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking 410 under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied, 411 at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8

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412 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing 413 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of 414 a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides 415 substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4).

416 Law enforcement protection: If the primary offense is a violation of the Law Enforcement Protection Act under s. 417 418 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are 419 multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s. 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points 420 421 are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of 422 s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or of the Law Enforcement 423 Protection Act under s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the subtotal 424 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted of the primary offense and committed that offense for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory

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436 maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the 437 court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the 438 defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

Domestic violence in the presence of a child: If the offender is convicted of the primary offense and the primary offense is a crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, which was committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who is a family or household member as defined in s. 741.28(3) with the victim or perpetrator, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

446 Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age 447 or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the 448 449 primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1, 450 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the 451 violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course 452 of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual 453 battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s. 454 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 455 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 456 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are 457 multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the 458 lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum 459 sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court 460 may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to

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461 the statutory maximum sentence.

462 Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 463 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in a 464 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 465 947.146, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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947.146 Control Release Authority.-

Within 120 days prior to the date the state 467 (3) 468 correctional system is projected pursuant to s. 216.136 to 469 exceed 99 percent of total capacity, the authority shall 470 determine eligibility for and establish a control release date 471 for an appropriate number of parole ineligible inmates committed 472 to the department and incarcerated within the state who have been determined by the authority to be eligible for 473 474 discretionary early release pursuant to this section. In 475 establishing control release dates, it is the intent of the 476 Legislature that the authority prioritize consideration of 477 eligible inmates closest to their tentative release date. The 478 authority shall rely upon commitment data on the offender 479 information system maintained by the department to initially 480 identify inmates who are to be reviewed for control release 481 consideration. The authority may use a method of objective risk 482 assessment in determining if an eligible inmate should be 483 released. Such assessment shall be a part of the department's 484 management information system. However, the authority shall have 485 sole responsibility for determining control release eligibility, 486 establishing a control release date, and effectuating the

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release of a sufficient number of inmates to maintain the inmate 487 488 population between 99 percent and 100 percent of total capacity. Inmates who are ineligible for control release are inmates who 489 490 are parole eligible or inmates who: 491 (b) Are serving the mandatory minimum portion of a 492 sentence enhanced under s. 775.087(2) or (3), or s. 784.07(3); 493 494 In making control release eligibility determinations under this 495 subsection, the authority may rely on any document leading to or 496 generated during the course of the criminal proceedings, 497 including, but not limited to, any presentence or postsentence investigation or any information contained in arrest reports 498 499 relating to circumstances of the offense.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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