CHAPTER 2009-160

Council Substitute for House Bill No. 123

An act relating to human smuggling; creating s. 787.07, F.S.; providing that a person commits a misdemeanor if he or she transports an individual into this state from another country and knows, or should know, that the individual is illegally entering the United States; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 787.07, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

787.07 Human smuggling.-

(1) A person who transports into this state an individual who the person knows, or should know, is illegally entering the United States from another country commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(2) A person commits a separate offense for each individual he or she transports into this state in violation of this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor June 11, 2009.

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