

## CHAPTER 2025-70

### Senate Bill No. 878

An act relating to probation for misdemeanor offenses; amending s. 948.15, F.S.; increasing probationary periods for certain misdemeanor offenses involving controlled or chemical substances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 948.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

948.15 Misdemeanor probation services.—

(1) A defendant found guilty of a misdemeanor who is placed on probation shall be under supervision not to exceed 6 months unless otherwise specified by the court. Probation supervision services for a defendant found guilty of a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia under chapter 893 may be provided by a licensed substance abuse education and intervention program, which may provide substance abuse education and intervention as well as any other terms and conditions of probation. In relation to any offense other than a felony in which the use of alcohol; a controlled substance, as defined in s. 893.02; a controlled substance analog, as defined in s. 893.0356; or a chemical substance described in s. 877.111(1) is a significant factor, the period of probation may be up to 1 year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor May 22, 2025.

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