

CHAPTER 2025-138

House Bill No. 653

An act relating to aggravating factors for capital felonies; amending s. 921.141, F.S.; adding as an aggravating factor that the capital felony was committed against the head of a state, or in an attempt to commit such crime a capital felony was committed against another individual; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (6) of section 921.141, Florida Statutes, to read:

921.141 Sentence of death or life imprisonment for capital felonies; further proceedings to determine sentence.—

(6) AGGRAVATING FACTORS.—Aggravating factors shall be limited to the following:

(q) The capital felony was committed against the head of a state, including, but not limited to, the President or the Vice President of the United States or the Governor of this or another state, or in an attempt to commit such crime a capital felony was committed against another individual.

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

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