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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to traveling across county lines to 3 commit criminal offenses; amending s. 843.22, F.S.; deleting the definition of "burglary"; providing for 4 5 reclassification of certain offenses if the person who 6 commits the offense travels with the intent to commit 7 the offense in a county other than the person's county 8 of residence; providing exceptions; providing an 9 effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 Section 1. Section 843.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to 13 14 read: 843.22 Traveling across county lines with intent to commit 15 16 certain offenses a burglary. -As used in this section, the term: 17 18 "county of residence" means the county within this 19 state in which a person resides. Evidence of a person's county 20 of residence includes, but is not limited to: 21 (a) 1. The address on a person's driver license or state 22 identification card. + 23 (b) 2. Records of real property or mobile home ownership. 24 (c) Records of a lease agreement for residential 25 property. +

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- $\underline{\text{(d)}}4.$ The county in which a person's motor vehicle is registered.
- $\underline{\text{(e)}}$ 5. The county in which a person is enrolled in an educational institution.; and
 - (f) 6. The county in which a person is employed.
- (b) "Burglary" means burglary as defined in s. 810.02, including an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit such offense.
- felony, as defined in s. 776.08, burglary travels any distance with the intent to commit the offense burglary in a county in this state other than the person's county of residence, the degree of the offense burglary shall be reclassified to the next higher degree. For purposes of sentencing under chapter 921 and determining incentive gain-time eligibility under chapter 944, an offense a burglary that is reclassified under this section is ranked one level above the ranking specified in s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 for the offense burglary committed.
- (3) This section does not apply to a first-time offender or to a person previously convicted of not more than one nonviolent misdemeanor when he or she is charged with a felony of the third degree unless he or she is also charged with conspiracy as defined in s. 777.04(3).
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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