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HOUSE BILL NO. 1215

AN ACT

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2 To repeal section 575.195, RSMo, and to enact

3 in lieu thereof one new section relating to

4 escape from commitment, with a penalty

5 provision and an emergency clause.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

7 AS FOLLOWS:

8 Section A. Section 575.195, RSMo, is repealed and one new

9 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 575.195,

10 to read as follows:

11 575.195. 1. A person commits the crime of escape from

12 commitment or detention if he or she has been committed to a

13 state mental hospital under the provisions of sections 202.700 to

14 202.770 or of sections 552.010 to 552.080, RSMo, or of sections

15 632.480 to 632.513, RSMo, or has been ordered to be taken into

16 custody, detained or held pursuant to sections 632.480 to

17 632.513, RSMo, and he or she escapes from such commitment or

18 detention.

1 2. Escape from commitment or detention is a class D felony.

2 Section B. Because of the immediate danger posed to the
3 public from sexual predators escaping from mental institutions
4 without penalty, section A of this act is deemed necessary for
5 the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace,
6 and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within
7 the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall
8 be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.