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HOUSE BILL NO. 849

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LANT (Sponsor), COX, DIEHL,
PHILLIPS AND BARNES (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 546, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to model jury instructions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 546, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 546.385, to read as follows:

**546.385. 1. The supreme court shall develop a model jury instruction to be used
2 in criminal trials that will include the following information for each crime with which the
3 defendant is charged:**

4 **(1) The sentence the defendant will receive if found guilty; and**

5 **(2) The amount of time the defendant is likely to serve if found guilty.**

6 **2. Judges shall provide the model jury instruction to all juries prior to the jury
7 reaching a verdict, along with all other jury instructions given by the court.**

8 **3. The department of corrections shall provide statistics regarding each crime and
9 the average sentence that is served for each crime to the supreme court for use in
10 developing the model jury instruction under this section.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.