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CHAPTER 1. CRIMINAL CODE

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUBPART A. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

§1. Method of citation

This Chapter shall be known as the Louisiana Criminal Code. The provisions hereunder may be referred to or cited either as Articles of the Criminal Code or as Sections of the Revised Statutes. Thus Article 30 of Louisiana Criminal Code may also be referred to or cited as R.S. 14:30.

Whenever reference is made herein to an Article of the Criminal Code, the same shall also relate to the corresponding Section of the Revised Statutes.

§2. Definitions

A. In this Code the terms enumerated shall have the designated meanings:

(1) "Another" refers to any other person or legal entity, including the state of Louisiana or any subdivision thereof.

(2) "Anything of value" must be given the broadest possible construction, including any conceivable thing of the slightest value, movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, public or private, and including transportation, telephone and telegraph services, or any other service available for hire. It must be construed in the broad popular sense of the phrase, not necessarily as synonymous with the technical legal term "property." In all cases involving shoplifting the term "value" is the actual retail price of the property at the time of the offense.

(3) "Dangerous weapon" includes any gas, liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which, in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

(4) "Felony" is any crime for which an offender may be sentenced to death or imprisonment at hard labor.

(5) "Foreseeable" refers to that which ordinarily would be anticipated by a human being of average reasonable intelligence and perception.

(6) "Misdemeanor" is any crime other than a felony.

(7) "Person" includes a human being from the moment of fertilization and implantation and also includes a body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

(8) "Property" refers to both public and private property, movable and immovable, and corporeal and incorporeal property.

(9) "Public officer", "public office", "public employee", or "position of public authority" means and applies to any executive, ministerial, administrative, judicial, or legislative officer, office, employee or position of authority respectively, of the state of Louisiana or any parish, municipality, district, or other political subdivision thereof, or of any agency, board, commission, department, or institution of said state, parish, municipality, district, or other political subdivision.

(10) "State" means the state of Louisiana, or any parish, municipality, district, or other political subdivision thereof, or any agency, board, commission, department, or institution of said state, parish, municipality, district, or other political subdivision.

(11) "Unborn child" means any individual of the human species from fertilization and implantation until birth.

(12) "Whoever" in a penalty clause refers only to natural persons insofar as death or imprisonment is provided, but insofar as a fine may be imposed "whoever" in a penalty clause refers to any person.

B. In this Code, "crime of violence" means an offense that has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of a dangerous weapon. The following enumerated offenses and attempts to commit any of them are included as "crimes of violence":

- (1) Solicitation for murder.
- (2) First degree murder.
- (3) Second degree murder.
- (4) Manslaughter.
- (5) Aggravated battery.
- (6) Second degree battery.
- (7) Aggravated assault.
- (8) Repealed by Acts 2017, No. 281, §3.
- (9) Aggravated or first degree rape.
- (10) Forcible second degree rape.
- (11) Simple or third degree rape.
- (12) Sexual battery.
- (13) Second degree sexual battery.
- (14) Intentional exposure to AIDS virus.
- (15) Aggravated kidnapping.
- (16) Second degree kidnapping.
- (17) Simple kidnapping.
- (18) Aggravated arson.
- (19) Aggravated criminal damage to property.
- (20) Aggravated burglary.
- (21) Armed robbery.
- (22) First degree robbery.
- (23) Simple robbery.
- (24) Purse snatching.
- (25) Repealed by Acts 2017, No. 281, §3.
- (26) Assault by drive-by shooting.
- (27) Aggravated crime against nature.
- (28) Carjacking.
- (29) Repealed by Acts 2017, No. 281, §3.

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- (30) Terrorism.
- (31) Aggravated second degree battery.
- (32) Aggravated assault upon a peace officer.
- (33) Aggravated assault with a firearm.
- (34) Armed robbery; use of firearm; additional penalty.
- (35) Second degree robbery.
- (36) Disarming of a peace officer.
- (37) Stalking.
- (38) Second degree cruelty to juveniles.
- (39) Aggravated flight from an officer.
- (40) Repealed by Acts 2014, No. 602, §7, eff. June 12, 2014.
- (41) Battery of a police officer.
- (42) Trafficking of children for sexual purposes.
- (43) Human trafficking.
- (44) Home invasion.
- (45) Domestic abuse aggravated assault.
- (46) Vehicular homicide, when the operator's blood alcohol concentration exceeds 0.20 percent by weight based on grams of alcohol per one hundred cubic centimeters of blood.
- (47) Aggravated assault upon a dating partner.
- (48) Domestic abuse battery punishable under R.S. 14:35.3(M)(2) or (N).
- (49) Battery of a dating partner punishable under R.S. 14:34.8(2) or (M).
- (50) Violation of a protective order if the violation involves a battery or any crime of violence as defined by this Subsection against the person for whose benefit the protective order is in effect.
- (51) Criminal abortion.
- (52) First degree feticide.
- (53) Second degree feticide.
- (54) Third degree feticide.
- (55) Aggravated criminal abortion by dismemberment.

C. For purposes of this Title, "serious bodily injury" means bodily injury which involves unconsciousness; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty; or a substantial risk of death. For purposes of R.S. 14:403, "serious bodily injury" shall also include injury resulting from starvation or malnutrition.

Amended by Acts 1962, No. 68, §1; Acts 1976, No. 256, §1; Acts 1977, No. 128, §1; Acts 1989, No. 777, §1; Acts 1992, No. 1015, §1; Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 73, §1; Acts 1995, No. 650, §1; Acts 1995, No. 1223, §1; Acts 2001, No. 301, §2; Acts 2002, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 128, §2; Acts 2003, No. 637, §1; Acts 2004, No. 651, §1; Acts 2004, No. 676, §1; Acts 2006, No. 72, §1; Acts 2008, No. 619, §1; Acts 2010, No. 387, §1; Acts 2010, No. 524, §1; Acts 2014, No. 194, §1; Acts 2014, No. 280, §1, eff. May 28, 2014; Acts 2014, No. 602, §7, eff. June 12, 2014; Acts 2015, No. 184, §1; Acts 2016, No. 225, §1; Acts 2017, No. 84, §1; Acts 2017, No. 281, §3; Acts 2018, No. 293, §1; Acts 2018, No. 674, §1, eff. June 1, 2018; Acts 2019, No. 2, §1.

§3. Interpretation

The articles of this Code cannot be extended by analogy so as to create crimes not provided for herein; however, in order to promote justice and to effect the objects of the law, all of its provisions shall be given a genuine construction, according to the fair import of their words, taken in their usual sense, in connection with the context, and with reference to the purpose of the provision.

§4. Conduct made criminal under several articles; how prosecuted

Prosecution may proceed under either provision, in the discretion of the district attorney, whenever an offender's conduct is:

(1) Criminal according to a general article of this Code or Section of this Chapter of the Revised Statutes and also according to a special article of this Code or Section of this Chapter of the Revised Statutes; or

(2) Criminal according to an article of the Code or Section of this Chapter of the Revised Statutes and also according to some other provision of the Revised Statutes, some special statute, or some constitutional provision.

§5. Lesser and included offenses

An offender who commits an offense which includes all the elements of other lesser offenses, may be prosecuted for and convicted of the greater offense, or one of the lesser and included offenses. In such case, when the offender is prosecuted for the greater offense, he may be convicted of any one of the lesser and included offenses.

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§6. Civil remedies not affected

Nothing in this Code shall affect any civil remedy provided by the law pertaining to civil matters, or any legal power to inflict penalties for contempt.

SUBPART B. ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

§7. Crime defined

A crime is that conduct which is defined as criminal in this Code, or in other acts of the legislature, or in the constitution of this state.

§8. Criminal conduct

Criminal conduct consists of:

(1) An act or a failure to act that produces criminal consequences, and which is combined with criminal intent; or

(2) A mere act or failure to act that produces criminal consequences, where there is no requirement of criminal intent; or

(3) Criminal negligence that produces criminal consequences.

§9. Criminal consequences

Criminal consequences are any set of consequences prescribed in the various articles of this Code or in the other acts of the legislature of this state as necessary to constitute any of the various crimes defined therein.

§10. Criminal intent

Criminal intent may be specific or general:

(1) Specific criminal intent is that state of mind which exists when the circumstances indicate that the offender actively desired the prescribed criminal consequences to follow his act or failure to act.

(2) General criminal intent is present whenever there is specific intent, and also when the circumstances indicate that the offender, in the ordinary course of human experience, must have adverted to the prescribed criminal consequences as reasonably certain to result from his act or failure to act.

§11. Criminal intent; how expressed

The definitions of some crimes require a specific criminal intent, while in others no intent is required. Some crimes consist merely of criminal negligence that produces criminal consequences. However, in the absence of qualifying provisions, the terms "intent" and "intentional" have reference to "general criminal intent."

§12. Criminal negligence

Criminal negligence exists when, although neither specific nor general criminal intent is present, there is such disregard of the interest of others that the offender's conduct amounts to a gross deviation below the standard of care expected to be maintained by a reasonably careful man under like circumstances.

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SUBPART C. CULPABILITY

§13. Infancy

Those who have not reached the age of ten years are exempt from criminal responsibility. However, nothing in this article shall affect the jurisdiction of juvenile courts as established by the constitution and statutes of this state.

§14. Insanity

If the circumstances indicate that because of a mental disease or mental defect the offender was incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong with reference to the conduct in question, the offender shall be exempt from criminal responsibility.

§15. Intoxication

The fact of an intoxicated or drugged condition of the offender at the time of the commission of the crime is immaterial, except as follows:

(1) Where the production of the intoxicated or drugged condition has been involuntary, and the circumstances indicate this condition is the direct cause of the commission of the crime, the offender is exempt from criminal responsibility.

(2) Where the circumstances indicate that an intoxicated or drugged condition has precluded the presence of a specific criminal intent or of special knowledge required in a particular crime, this fact constitutes a defense to a prosecution for that crime.

§16. Mistake of fact

Unless there is a provision to the contrary in the definition of a crime, reasonable ignorance of fact or mistake of fact which precludes the presence of any mental element required in that crime is a defense to any prosecution for that crime.

§17. Mistake of law

Ignorance of the provision of this Code or of any criminal statute is not a defense to any criminal prosecution. However, mistake of law which results in the lack of an intention that consequences which are criminal shall follow, is a defense to a criminal prosecution under the following circumstances:

(1) Where the offender reasonably relied on the act of the legislature in repealing an existing criminal provision, or in otherwise purporting to make the offender's conduct lawful; or

(2) Where the offender reasonably relied on a final judgment of a competent court of last resort that a provision making the conduct required or permitted was unconstitutional.

§18. Justification general provisions

The fact that an offender's conduct is justifiable, although otherwise criminal, shall constitute a defense to prosecution for any crime based on that conduct. This defense of justification can be claimed under the following circumstances:

(1) When the offender's conduct is an apparently authorized and reasonable fulfillment of any duties of public office; or

(2) When the offender's conduct is a reasonable accomplishment of an arrest which is lawful under the Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(3) When for any reason the offender's conduct is authorized by law; or

(4) When the offender's conduct is reasonable discipline of minors by their parents, tutors or teachers; or

(5) When the crime consists of a failure to perform an affirmative duty and the failure to perform is caused by physical impossibility; or

(6) When any crime, except murder, is committed through the compulsion of threats by another of death or great bodily harm, and the offender reasonably believes the person making the threats is present and would immediately carry out the threats if the crime were not committed; or

(7) When the offender's conduct is in defense of persons or of property under any of the circumstances described in Articles 19 through 22.

§19. Use of force or violence in defense

A.(1) The use of force or violence upon the person of another is justifiable under either of the following circumstances:

(a) When committed for the purpose of preventing a forcible offense against the person or a forcible offense or trespass against property in a person's lawful possession, provided that the force or violence used must be reasonable and apparently necessary to prevent such offense.

(b)(i) When committed by a person lawfully inside a dwelling, a place of business, or a motor vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(40) when the conflict began, against a person who is attempting to make an unlawful entry into the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle, or who has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle, and the person using the force or violence reasonably believes that the use of force or violence is necessary to prevent the entry or to compel the intruder to leave the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle.

(ii) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply when the person using the force or violence is engaged, at the time of the use of force or violence in the acquisition of, the distribution of, or possession of, with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance in violation of the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

(2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Section shall not apply where the force or violence results in a homicide.

B. For the purposes of this Section, there shall be a presumption that a person lawfully inside a dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle has a reasonable belief that the use of force or violence is necessary to prevent unlawful entry, or to compel an unlawful intruder to leave the premises or motor vehicle, if both of the following occur:

(1) The person against whom the force or violence was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcibly entering or had unlawfully and forcibly entered the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle.

(2) The person who used force or violence knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry was occurring or had occurred.

C. A person who is not engaged in unlawful activity and who is in a place where he or she has a right to be shall have no duty to retreat before using force or violence as provided for in this Section and may stand his or her ground and meet force with force.

D. No finder of fact shall be permitted to consider the possibility of retreat as a factor in determining whether or not the person who used force or violence in defense of his person or property had a reasonable belief that force or violence was reasonable and apparently necessary to prevent a forcible offense or to prevent the unlawful entry.

Acts 2006, No. 141, §1; Acts 2014, No. 163, §1.

§20. Justifiable homicide

A. A homicide is justifiable:

(1) When committed in self-defense by one who reasonably believes that he is in imminent danger of losing his life or receiving great bodily harm and that the killing is necessary to save himself from that danger.

(2) When committed for the purpose of preventing a violent or forcible felony involving danger to life or of great bodily harm by one who reasonably believes that such an offense is about to be committed and that such action is necessary for its prevention. The circumstances must be sufficient to excite the fear of a reasonable person that there would be serious danger to his own life or person if he attempted to prevent the felony without the killing.

(3) When committed against a person whom one reasonably believes to be likely to use any unlawful force against a person present in a dwelling or a place of business, or when committed against a person whom one reasonably believes is attempting to use any unlawful force against a person present in a motor vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(40), while committing or attempting to commit a burglary or robbery of such dwelling, business, or motor vehicle.

(4)(a) When committed by a person lawfully inside a dwelling, a place of business, or a motor vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(40) when the conflict began, against a person who is attempting to make an unlawful entry into the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle, or who has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle, and the person committing the homicide reasonably believes that the use of deadly force is necessary to prevent the entry or to compel the intruder to leave the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle.

(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply when the person committing the homicide is engaged, at the time of the homicide, in the acquisition of, the distribution of, or possession of, with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance in violation of the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

B. For the purposes of this section, there shall be a presumption that a person lawfully inside a dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle held a reasonable belief that the use of deadly force was necessary to prevent unlawful entry into or to compel an unlawful intruder to leave the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle when the conflict began, if both of the following occur:

(1) The person against whom deadly force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcibly entering or had unlawfully and forcibly entered the dwelling, place of business, or motor vehicle.

(2) The person who used deadly force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry was occurring or had occurred.

C. A person who is not engaged in unlawful activity and who is in a place where he or she has a right to be shall have no duty to retreat before using deadly force as provided for in this Section, and may stand his or her ground and meet force with force.

D. No finder of fact shall be permitted to consider the possibility of retreat as a factor in determining whether or not the person who used deadly force had a reasonable belief that deadly force was reasonable and apparently necessary to prevent a violent or forcible felony involving life or great bodily harm or to prevent the unlawful entry.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 655, §1. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 392, §1; Acts 1983, No. 234, §1; Acts 1993, No. 516, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1378, §1; Acts 2003, No. 660, §1; Acts 2006, No. 141, §1; Acts 2014, No. 163, §1.

§20.1. Investigation of death due to violence or suspicious circumstances when claim of self-defense is raised

Whenever a death results from violence or under suspicious circumstances and a claim of self-defense is raised, the appropriate law enforcement agency and coroner shall expeditiously conduct a full investigation of the death. All evidence of such investigation shall be preserved.

Acts 2012, No. 690, §1, eff. June 7, 2012.

§21. Aggressor cannot claim self defense

A person who is the aggressor or who brings on a difficulty cannot claim the right of self-defense unless he withdraws from the conflict in good faith and in such a manner that his adversary knows or should know that he desires to withdraw and discontinue the conflict.

§22. Defense of others

It is justifiable to use force or violence or to kill in the defense of another person when it is reasonably apparent that the person attacked could have justifiably used such means himself, and when it is reasonably believed that such intervention is necessary to protect the other person.

SUBPART D. PARTIES

§23. Parties classified

The parties to a crime are classified as:

- (1) Principals; and
- (2) Accessories to the fact.

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§24. Principals

All persons concerned in the commission of a crime, whether present or absent, and whether they directly commit the act constituting the offense, aid and abet in its commission, or directly or indirectly counsel or procure another to commit the crime, are principals.

§25. Accessories after the fact

An accessory after the fact is any person who, after the commission of a felony, shall harbor, conceal, or aid the offender, knowing or having reasonable ground to believe that he has committed the felony, and with the intent that he may avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment.

An accessory after the fact may be tried and punished, notwithstanding the fact that the principal felon may not have been arrested, tried, convicted, or amenable to justice.

Whoever becomes an accessory after the fact shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both; provided that in no case shall his punishment be greater than one-half of the maximum provided by law for a principal offender.

SUBPART E. INCHOATE OFFENSES

§26. Criminal conspiracy

A. Criminal conspiracy is the agreement or combination of two or more persons for the specific purpose of committing any crime; provided that an agreement or combination to commit a crime shall not amount to a criminal conspiracy unless, in addition to such agreement or combination, one or more of such parties does an act in furtherance of the object of the agreement or combination.

B. If the intended basic crime has been consummated, the conspirators may be tried for either the conspiracy or the completed offense, and a conviction for one shall not bar prosecution for the other.

C. Whoever is a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit any crime shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the same manner as for the offense contemplated by the conspirators; provided, however, whoever is a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit a crime punishable by death or life imprisonment shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than thirty years.

D. Whoever is a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit any other crime shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the same manner as for the offense contemplated by the conspirators; but such fine or imprisonment shall not exceed one-half of the largest fine, or one-half the longest term of imprisonment prescribed for such offense, or both.

Amended by Acts 1977, No. 538, §4; Acts 2013, No. 220, §4, eff. June 11, 2013.

§27. Attempt; penalties, attempt by peace officer; enhanced penalties

A. Any person who, having specific intent to commit a crime, does or omits an act for the purpose of and tending directly toward the accomplishing of his object is guilty of an attempt to commit the offense intended; and it shall be immaterial whether, under the circumstances, he would have actually accomplished his purpose.

B.(1) Mere preparation to commit a crime shall not be sufficient to constitute an attempt; but lying in wait with a dangerous weapon with the intent to commit a crime, or searching for the intended victim with a dangerous weapon with the intent to commit a crime, shall be sufficient to constitute an attempt to commit the offense intended.

(2) Further, the placing of any combustible or explosive substance in or near any structure, watercraft, movable, or forestland, with the specific intent eventually to set fire to or to damage by explosive substance such structure, watercraft, movable, or forestland, shall be sufficient to constitute an attempt to commit the crime of arson as defined in R.S. 14:51 through 53.

C. An attempt is a separate but lesser grade of the intended crime; and any person may be convicted of an attempt to commit a crime, although it appears on the trial that the crime intended or attempted was actually perpetrated by such person in pursuance of such attempt.

D. Whoever attempts to commit any crime shall be punished as follows:

(1)(a) If the offense so attempted is punishable by death or life imprisonment, he shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than ten nor more than fifty years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(b) If the offense so attempted is punishable by death or life imprisonment and is attempted against an individual who is a peace officer engaged in the performance of his lawful duty, he shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty nor more than fifty years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(2)(a) If the offense so attempted is theft or receiving stolen things, and is not punishable as a felony, he shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(b) If the offense so attempted is receiving stolen things, and is punishable as a felony, he shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(c)(i) If the offense so attempted is theft of an amount not less than seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars, he shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(ii) If the offense so attempted is theft of an amount over twenty-five thousand dollars, he shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.

(3) In all other cases he shall be fined or imprisoned or both, in the same manner as for the offense attempted; such fine or imprisonment shall not exceed one-half of the largest fine, or one-half of the longest term of imprisonment prescribed for the offense so attempted, or both.

E. For the purposes of Subsection D of this Section, the term "peace officer" means any peace officer, as defined in R.S. 10:24-2.

Amended by Acts 1970, No. 471, §1; Acts 1975, No. 133, §1; Acts 1989, No. 609, §1; Acts 1995, No. 98, §1; Acts 2000, No. 16, §1; Acts 2003, No. 745, §1; Acts 2010, No. 531, §1; Acts 2013, No. 76, §1; Acts 2014, No. 55, §1.

§28. Inciting a felony

A. Inciting a felony is the endeavor by one or more persons to incite or procure another person to commit a felony.

B. Whoever commits the crime of inciting a felony shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

C. If an offender over the age of seventeen years commits the crime of inciting a felony by endeavoring to incite or procure a person under the age of seventeen years to commit a felony, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned at hard labor for not more than five years.

Amended by Acts 1968, No. 647, §1; Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 131, §1.

§28.1. Solicitation for murder

A. Solicitation for murder is the intentional solicitation by one person of another to commit or cause to be committed a first or second degree murder.

B. Whoever commits the crime of solicitation for murder shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five years nor more than twenty years.

Acts 1985, No. 576, §1, eff. July 13, 1985; Acts 2001, No. 851, §1.

(11) R.S. 14:69(B)(3) (illegal possession of stolen things when the value of the stolen things is less than three hundred dollars).

(12) R.S. 14:82(B)(1) (prostitution).

(13) R.S. 14:93.2.1 (child desertion).

(14) R.S. 14:222.1 (unauthorized interception of cable television services).

(15) R.S. 14:285(C) (improper telephone communications).

(16) R.S. 40:966(E)(1) (possession of marijuana).

(17) R.S. 40:1021, 1022, 1023, 1023.1, 1024, 1025(A), and 1026 (possession of drug paraphernalia).

(18) R.S. 14:35.3 (domestic abuse battery).

D. An ordinance adopted under the provisions of this Section shall incorporate the standards and elements of the comparable crime under state law and the penalty provided in the ordinance shall not exceed the penalty provided in the comparable crime under state law.

E. The provisions of this Section shall not repeal, supersede, or limit the provisions of R.S. 13:1894.1 or R.S. 40:966(D)(4).

Added by Acts 1983, No. 531, §1; Acts 2001, No. 944, §2; Acts 2003, No. 1038, §2; Acts 2006, No. 143, §1.

CHAPTER 2 MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AND OFFENSES

PART 1 OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

Extract

§201. Collateral securities, unauthorized use or withdrawal prohibited, penalty; proof of intent; of personal advantage

A. No customer, nor any officer, member, or employee of any person who is a customer of any bank or banking institution, savings bank, or trust company organized under the laws of this state, of the United States, or of any foreign country, or of a private banker or of a person, or association that loans money on collateral security, doing business in this state, who is allowed to withdraw any collateral pledged by him, either personally or in his representative capacity, on a trust receipt or other form of receipt, shall do any of the following:

(1) Use, sell, repledge, or otherwise dispose of the collateral so withdrawn, for any other purpose other than that of paying the indebtedness for the security of which the collateral was pledged.

(2) Fail or refuse to return the collateral on demand.

(3) Fail or refuse in lieu of the return of the collateral to make the pledgee a cash payment equivalent to the full value of the collateral so withdrawn.

(4) If the collateral exceeds in value the indebtedness it secures, fail or refuse to make a cash payment to the pledgee equal to the full amount of the indebtedness.

(5) If the delivery of the collateral was to be made in the future and the customer has taken possession or control of the collateral, fails or refuses to deliver the collateral on demand.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years.

C. Proof of any of the acts set forth in this Section shall be considered prima facie evidence of criminal intent. The state may proceed further and prove criminal intent by any competent evidence in its possession.

D. Where the person doing the acts denounced by this Section was an officer, agent, or employee of any person, who was a customer of any lender as provided in Subsection A of this Section loaning money on collateral security, it shall not be necessary, to complete the proof of the crime charged, for the state to prove that the person derived any personal benefit, advantage, or profit from the transaction. The state may always prove the crime charged by any competent evidence it may have in its possession.

Amended by Acts 1952, No. 82, §1; Acts 1980, No. 439, §1; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§202. Contractors; misapplication of payments prohibited; penalty

A. No person, contractor, subcontractor, or agent of a contractor or subcontractor, who has received money on account of a contract for the construction, erection, or repair of a building, structure, or other improvement, including contracts and mortgages for interim financing, shall knowingly fail to apply the money received as necessary to settle claims for material and labor due for the construction or under the contract.

B. When the amount misapplied is one thousand dollars or less, whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than ninety days nor more than six months, or both.

C. When the amount misapplied is greater than one thousand dollars, whoever violates this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than ninety days nor more than six months, or both, for each one thousand dollars in misapplied funds, provided that the aggregate imprisonment shall not exceed five years.

D. Any person, contractor, subcontractor, or agent of a contractor or subcontractor who knowingly fails to apply construction contract payments as required in Subsection A shall pay to the court, and the court shall transfer to the person whose construction contract payments were misapplied, an amount equal to the sum of the payments not properly applied and any additional legal costs resulting from the misapplication of construction fund payments, including a fee charged by the clerk of court for handling such payments.

Amended by Acts 1960, No. 554, §1; Acts 1984, No. 372, §1; Acts 1986, No. 1040, §1; Acts 1986, No. 625, §1; Acts 1990, No. 690, §1.

§202.1. Residential contractor fraud; penalties

A. Residential contractor fraud is the misappropriation or intentional taking of anything of value which belongs to another, either without the consent of the other to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations by a person who has contracted to perform any home improvement or residential construction, or who has subcontracted for the performance of any home improvement or residential construction. A misappropriation or intentional taking may be inferred when a person does any of the following:

(1) Fails to perform any work during a forty-five-day period of time or longer after receiving payment, unless a longer period is specified in the contract.

(2) Uses, or causes an agent or employee to use, any deception, false pretense, or false promise to cause any person to enter into a contract for home improvements or residential construction.

(3) Damages the property of any person with the intent to induce that person to enter into a contract for home improvements or residential construction.

(4) Knowingly makes a material misrepresentation of fact in any application for a permit required by state, municipal, or parochial law.

(5) Knowingly makes a material misrepresentation of fact in any lien placed upon the property at issue.

(6) Fails to possess the required license for home improvements or residential construction required by applicable state, municipal, or parochial statute.

(7) Knowingly employs a subcontractor who does not possess the required license by applicable state, municipal, or parochial statute.

B. For purposes of this Section, "home improvement or residential construction" means any alteration, repair, modification, construction, or other improvement to any immovable or movable property primarily designed or used as a residence or to any structure within the residence or upon the land adjacent to the residence.

C.(1) When the misappropriation or intentional taking amounts to a value of less than one thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both. If the offender in such cases has been convicted of theft two or more times previously, then upon conviction the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or fined not more than two thousand dollars.

(2) When the misappropriation or intentional taking amounts to a value of one thousand dollars or more, but less than five thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or may be fined not more than three thousand dollars, or both.

(3) When the misappropriation or intentional taking amounts to a value of five thousand dollars or more but less than twenty-five thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both.

(4) When the misappropriation or intentional taking amounts to a value of twenty-five thousand dollars or more, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty years, or may be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or both.

(5) In determining the amount of the misappropriation or intentional taking, the court shall include the cost of repairing work fraudulently performed by the contractor and the cost of completing work for which the contractor was paid but did not complete.

D. In addition to the penalties provided by the provisions of this Section, a person convicted of residential contractor fraud shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim and any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense. For the purposes of this Subsection, restitution to the victim shall include the cost of repairing work fraudulently performed by the contractor and the cost of completing work for which the contractor was paid but did not complete.

Acts 2008, No. 292, §1; Acts 2009, No. 268, §1; Acts 2012, No. 120, §1; Acts 2014, No. 62, §1; Acts 2014, No. 811, §6, eff. June 23, 2014; Acts 2017, No. 281, §1.

§202.2. Solar electric and solar thermal system contractors; solar tax credit fraud

A.(1) It shall be unlawful for any person who has received money from a contract for the sale, installation, maintenance, or repair of a solar electric system or solar thermal system, as defined in R.S. 47:6030(C), to claim a tax credit provided by R.S. 47:6030 or other provision of law against taxes owed to the state of Louisiana if the person:

(a) Has failed to perform or complete the installation of the system or failed to maintain or repair the system under the terms of the contract.

(b) Fails to maintain or repair the system under the terms of the contract subsequent to claiming the tax credit.

(2)(a) The knowing material failure by a contractor to perform or complete the installation of a solar electric system or solar thermal system, as defined in R.S. 47:6030(C), or maintain or repair the system under the terms of the contract shall constitute solar installation fraud.

(b) Whoever commits the crime of solar installation fraud shall be subject to the penalty provisions provided for in R.S. 14:202.1.

B.(1) When the aggregate amount of the tax credit claimed is one thousand dollars or less, whoever violates the provisions of this Section upon conviction may be fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months.

(2) When the aggregate amount of the tax credit claimed is greater than one thousand dollars, whoever violates the provisions of this Section upon conviction may be fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than six months for each one thousand dollars of the tax credit claimed, provided that the aggregate imprisonment shall not exceed five years.

C. The district attorney shall notify the Department of Revenue in writing of any prosecution under this Section.

D. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prevent the state, through the attorney general, from asserting a cause of action to recover damages or penalties, or assess or collect a penalty, resulting from a violation of this Section.

E. The remedies and rights provided under this Section are in addition to and do not preclude any remedy otherwise available under law, including but not limited to the provisions of R.S. 51:1401 et seq.

F. Any person who is found liable under a civil action brought by the attorney general resulting from a violation of this Section shall be liable to the attorney general for all costs, expenses and fees related to investigations and proceedings associated with the violation, including attorney fees. An action to recover costs, expenses, fees, and attorney fees shall be ancillary to, and shall be brought and heard in the same court as, the civil action resulting from a violation of this Section.

G.(1) The attorney general may examine, or cause to be examined, by agents thereof, without notice, the conditions and affairs of any person who has received money from a contract

for the sale, installation, maintenance, or repair of a solar electric system or solar thermal system, as defined in R.S. 47:6030(C), and who has claimed a tax credit.

(2) In connection with an examination authorized by this Subsection, the attorney general, or his agents, may examine under oath any person concerning the affairs and business of the person who has received money from a contract for the sale, installation, maintenance, or repair of a solar electric system or solar thermal system, as defined in R.S. 47:6030(C), and who has claimed a tax credit.

H. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to entities engaging in the business of selling, leasing, installing, servicing, or monitoring solar energy equipment. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose civil or criminal liability on homeowners or on any third party whose involvement is limited to providing financing to the homeowner or financing for installation. Entities engaged in the business of arranging agreements for the lease or sale of solar energy systems or acquiring customers for financing entities shall not be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

Acts 2014, No. 682, §1, eff. June 18, 2014.

§203. Electrical appliances, sale without original factory serial number prohibited; penalty

A. No person shall offer to sell or cause to be sold or distributed, either retail or wholesale, new household appliances, such as radios, television sets, refrigerators, washing machines, ironers, dryers, gas or electric ranges, or air conditioners, without the appliance having the original factory serial number indicated thereon provided it is the custom of the manufacturer to place serial numbers on the appliances.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§204. Fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence; penalty

A. Fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence is the performance of any of the following acts:

(1) The setting fire to any grass, leaves, brush, or debris on lands by the owner, or by the owner's agent or lessee, and allowing the fire to spread or pass to lands of another.

(2) The starting of fire with wood or other fuel on lands of another, without malice, for camping or other purposes, with failure to exercise sufficient precautions so as to prevent the fire from spreading to grass, leaves, brush, or other debris on the lands.

(3) The setting fire to grass, leaves, brush, or other debris on lands of another by means of casting aside a lighted match or lighted cigar or cigarette stub.

(4) The burning over or causing burning over to be done on any land which adjoins woodlands of another within the boundaries of any parish of this state wherein an organized fire protection unit is maintained by the state or federal government, or both, without first giving the protecting agency written notice of intention to burn over the lands, giving a description of the property which will reasonably describe the location where the burning shall begin, and the date

on which the lands are to be burned over. For the purpose of this Section, an "organized fire protection unit" is defined to be any area in which an organized system of fire prevention and control is in effect.

B. Whoever commits the crime of fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§204.1. Fire-raising in a correctional facility; penalty

A. Fire-raising in a correctional facility is any of the following:

(1) The starting, causing, or assisting in the creation of any fire, heat, or spark of any nature in a correctional facility by any means or method and without authorization of the warden or his designee.

(2) The failure to report to a correctional facility employee, or concealing from a correctional facility employee, the unauthorized starting, causing, or assisting in the creation of any fire, heat, or spark of any nature by another in a correctional facility.

B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Correctional facility" means any jail, prison, penitentiary, juvenile institution, temporary holding center, or detention facility.

(2) "Correctional facility employee" means any employee of any jail, prison, penitentiary, juvenile institution, temporary holding center, or detention facility.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of fire-raising in a correctional facility by violating the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year.

(2) Whoever commits the crime of fire-raising in a correctional facility by violating the provisions of Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year.

(3) If at the time of the commission of the offense, the offender is under the jurisdiction and legal custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or is being detained in any correctional facility, the sentence imposed under this Section shall run consecutively to any other sentence being served by the offender at the time of the offense.

Acts 2010, No. 379, §1.

§205. Fire-raising on lands of another with malice; penalty

A. Fire-raising on lands of another with malice is the malicious setting fire to any grass, leaves, brush, or debris on lands of another, or the procuring same to be done.

B. Whoever commits the crime of fire-raising on lands of another with malice shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§206. Fire prevention interference; penalty

A. Fire prevention interference is the intentional performance of any of the following acts:

- (1) Defacing or destroying fire warning notices or posters.
 - (2) Injuring, destroying, removing or in any manner interfering with the use of any tools, equipment, towers, buildings, telephone lines, or life safety systems and equipment as defined in R.S. 40:1646(C), used in the detection, reporting or suppression of fire.
 - (3) Obstructing exits, impeding egress, or exceeding the capacity or posted occupant load of a building or structure.
 - (4) Unauthorized use or proximate display as defined in R.S. 51:650(9), of fireworks in a building or structure.
- B. Whoever commits the crime of fire prevention interference shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for a period of not more than six months, or both.
- Acts 2014, No. 74, §1; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§206.1. Engaging in life safety and property protection contracting without authority prohibited; penalty

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of life safety and property protection contracting, as defined in R.S. 40:1664.3, unless he holds an active license as required by R.S. 40:1664.4.

B. It shall be sufficient for the indictment, affidavit, or complaint to allege that the accused unlawfully engaged in life safety and property protection contracting without authority from the office of state fire marshal.

C.(1) Any person violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for not more than ninety days, fined not more than five hundred dollars per day of the violation, or both.

(2) Notwithstanding any action taken by the office of state fire marshal, any person who does not possess a license as required by R.S. 40:1664.4 and who violates any provision of this Section and causes harm or damage to another in excess of five hundred dollars, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for up to six months, fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or both.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 15:571.11, any fine assessed and collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be remitted to the Louisiana Life Safety and Property Protection Trust Fund provided for in R.S. 40:1664.9(J).

Acts 2017, No. 170, §1.

§207. Motor vehicles, alteration or removal of identifying numbers prohibited; sale, etc., of motor vehicle with altered identifying numbers prohibited; penalty; application of Section

A. No person shall cover, remove, deface, alter, or destroy the manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark on any motor vehicle, motor vehicle part, semi-trailer, or trailer as defined by R.S. 32:1 for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity; nor shall any person buy, sell, receive, dispose of, conceal, or knowingly have in his possession any motor vehicle, motor vehicle part, semi-trailer, or trailer as defined by R.S. 32:1 from or on which the manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been covered, removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity.

B.(1) Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than twenty-four months, or both, and, in default of fine, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than twelve months additional.

(2) On conviction of a second offense, the offender shall be fined not more than four thousand dollars, or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than forty-eight months, or both.

(3) On conviction of a third or subsequent offense, the offender shall be fined five thousand dollars and imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than thirty-six months nor more than sixty months.

C. This Section shall apply to all vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, except motor vehicles running upon rails or tracks.

Acts 1989, No. 537, §1; Acts 2008, No. 148, §1; Acts 2010, No. 389, §1.

§208. Operas, performance or representation without consent of owner prohibited; penalty

A. No person or company shall take part in or cause to be publicly performed or represented for profit any unpublished or undedicated dramatic or musical composition known as an opera without the consent of its owner or proprietor. Whoever knowingly causes unpublished or undedicated, shall, in whole or in part, take part in a public performance or representation without the consent of the owner or proprietor.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall, for every offense, be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§209. Seals, breaking prohibited; penalty

A. No person shall, without legal authority, break any seal placed, in accordance with law, on the effects or any place or thing containing the effects or property of any deceased person.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§210. Taxicabs, tampering with meter forbidden; penalty

A. No person shall, without the written consent of the owner, tamper with or alter in any manner or form the fare-registering device of any taxicab or automobile for hire.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than six months nor more than one year, or both.

Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§211. Repealed by Acts 2017, No. 281, §3.

§212. Forest products, false statement prohibited; penalty

A. No person, in the course of a sale, attempted sale, delivery, removal, or other completed or attempted transaction involving forest products, shall willfully or knowingly make a false statement or cause a false statement to be made with regard to ownership or ownership interest of the forest products, with regard to ownership or ownership interest or tract name of the land where the forest products were harvested, or with regard to location of the land and property description of the land where the forest products were harvested.

B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 1997, No. 108, §1; Acts 2003, No. 107, §1.

§213. False packing of cotton bales and other agricultural products; penalty

A. The false packing of cotton bales or other agricultural products is the packing of a bale or bales of cotton or other agricultural products in such manner as is calculated to deceive persons with regard to quantity, weight, or quality of the product therein contained, whether the false packing of cotton bales or other agricultural products be accomplished by the wetting of the product packed, or by concealing in the interior of the packed product another substance, or by plating the product by concealing in the interior thereof material inferior in grade or quality to that on the exterior thereof, or by any other means.

B. Whoever commits the crime of false packing of cotton bales or other agricultural products shall be punished, for the first offense, by a fine of five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than sixty days nor more than six months, or both. For any offense beyond the first, the offender shall be punished by a fine of one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not less than sixty days nor more than six months, or both.

Added by Acts 1954, No. 21, §1; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§214. Fishing or hunting contest fraud

A. The crime of fishing or hunting contest fraud is the act of any person, who, with the intent to defraud, knowingly makes a false representation in an effort to win any prize awarded in any fishing or hunting contest.

B. When the most valuable prize offered in the contest amounts to a value of less than one hundred dollars, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

C. When the most valuable prize offered in the contest amounts to a value of one hundred dollars or more, the offender shall be fined not more than three thousand dollars, imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 1985, No. 856, §1.

§215. §§215, 216 Repealed by Acts 1962, No. 310, §III (§3)

§217. Purchase or sale of seafoods prohibited under certain conditions; penalties

A. It shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) Who is engaged commercially in catching or taking fish, shrimp, oysters, or other seafood in a joint adventure or other undertaking whereby he receives a percentage of the proceeds of the sale of the catch, or a share of the catch itself, to sell or offer for sale any of such products, obtained in the joint adventure, except as provided for and in accordance with the terms and conditions of such joint adventure, without the express or implied consent of his co-adventurer or co-adventurers, or

(2) Who is employed on a salary or any other basis in the commercial catching or taking of fish, shrimp, oysters, or other seafood, to sell or offer for sale such products without the express or implied consent of his employer, or

(3) To purchase any fish, shrimp, oysters, or other seafood, knowing it is offered for sale in violation of Paragraph (1) or (2) of this Subsection.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this Section shall be, for the first offense, fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars and, for the second and subsequent offenses, shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars, or be sentenced to serve not less than five days nor more than six months in the parish jail, or shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.

Acts 1964, No. 82, §§1, 2

§218. Seafood sales and purchases, commercial license required of seller, penalties

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to offer to sell or to sell any shrimp, oyster, fish, or other seafood without having first obtained a valid commercial fishing, retail, or wholesale license as provided in Subpart A of Part VII of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, including any restaurant or retail establishment, to purchase any shrimp, oyster, fish, or other seafood from any person who does not possess a valid commercial fishing, retail, or wholesale license lawfully issued in his name or his employer's name as provided in the above-referenced Subpart A. The commercial fishing license required herein shall be one which authorizes the bearer to sell his catch. Such license or a copy thereof shall be in the possession of the seller and conspicuously displayed at all times when transacting any sale.

B. The provisions of this Section shall be enforceable by all law enforcement agencies throughout the state, in addition to agents of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and including but not limited to law enforcement officers of local governmental subdivisions.

C.(1) The following penalties shall be imposed for violation of the provisions of Subsection A of this Section:

(a) For the first offense, the fine shall be not less than five hundred dollars nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars, or imprisonment for not more than one hundred twenty days, or both.

(b) For the second offense, the fine shall be not less than seven hundred fifty dollars nor more than three thousand dollars and imprisonment for not less than ninety days nor more than one hundred eighty days.

(c) For the third offense, the fine shall be not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisonment for not less than one hundred eighty days nor more than two years.

(2) The above penalties in all cases shall include forfeiture of anything seized in connection with the violation and may include revocation of any applicable fishing, retail, or wholesale license under which the violation occurred for the period for which it is issued.

Acts 1986, No. 660, §1.

§219. Removal of building or structure from immovable property subject to a conventional mortgage or vendor's privilege

Any person who wilfully or knowingly removes from any immovable property subject to a conventional mortgage or vendor's privilege affecting the immovable property, any building or other structure, or any part of a building or other structure, or any item which was so attached to or connected with any such building or structure as to become subject to a conventional mortgage or vendor's privilege affecting the immovable property at the time of the execution of the mortgage or act creating the vendor's privilege, with intent to defraud and without first obtaining the written consent of all holders of conventional mortgages or vendor's privileges affecting the immovable property shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Added by Acts 1964, No. 496, §1.

§220. Rented or leased motor vehicles obtained by false representation, etc.; failure to return; defenses;

A. If any person rents or leases a motor vehicle and obtains or retains possession of the motor vehicle by means of any false or fraudulent representation including but not limited to a false representation as to his name, residence, employment, or operator's license, or by means of fraudulent concealment, or false pretense or personation, or trick, artifice, or device; or, if the person with fraudulent intent willfully refuses to return the leased vehicle to the lessor after the expiration of the lease term as stated in the lease contract, the person shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalty provided for in Subsection B of this Section. Except as provided in Subsection D of this Section, the offender's failure to return or surrender the motor vehicle within seven calendar days after notice to make such return or surrender has been sent by certified mail to the offender's last known address, or has been delivered by commercial courier as defined in R.S. 13:3204(D), shall be presumptive evidence of his intent to defraud, and the lessor may report to any law enforcement agency that the rented or leased motor vehicle has been stolen.

B. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than five years with or without hard labor, or both.

C. It shall be a complete defense to any civil action arising out of or involving the arrest or detention of any person renting or leasing a motor vehicle that any representation made by him in obtaining or retaining possession of the vehicle is contrary to the fact.

D. It shall be a complete defense to any civil action arising out of or involving the arrest or detention of any person, upon whom such demand was personally made or personally served, that he failed to return the vehicle to the place specified in the rental agreement within such seventy-two hour period.

Acts 1964, No. 442, §§1 to 4. Amended by Acts 1975, No. 607, §1. Acts 1984, No. 146, §1; Acts 1997, No. 790, §1; Acts 2003, No. 596, §1.

§220.1. Leased movables; obtaining by false representation; failure to return or surrender; penalties; restitution

A. No person leasing a movable shall obtain or retain possession of the movable by:

(1) Making a false statement or false representation of a material fact, where such false statement or false representation is made with the intent to obtain or retain possession of the movable; or

(2) Intentionally failing to return or surrender the movable when obligated under the terms of the lease, or after the expiration or cancellation of the lease. The lessee's failure to return or surrender the movable within fifteen calendar days or the number of days for which the movable was leased, whichever is less, after the date written notice requesting return or surrender of the movable was delivered or tendered to the lessee's last known address shall be presumptive evidence that the failure to return or surrender the movable was intentional. In order for the presumption to arise, the written notice must be sent by the lessor or the district attorney by means of registered or certified mail.

B.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section when the value of the leased movable is less than one thousand dollars shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section when the value of the leased movable is one thousand dollars or more shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.

C. When a defendant is convicted of violating Paragraph (A)(2) and the notice requirements of Paragraph (A)(2) are complied with, a court shall order, in addition to or in lieu of the penalty in Subsection B, upon proof established by a preponderance of the evidence, that defendant pay restitution to the victim for all acknowledged appropriate fees assessed for intentional failure to return or surrender the leased movable after the agreed rental period or lease term or in the amount of lost profit resulting from the defendant's failure to return or surrender the movable as stated under the terms of the lease, or after the expiration or cancellation of the lease. The court may permit the prosecuting attorney to present evidence of the amount of the victim's lost profits either at the trial of the matter or at the sentencing of the defendant.

D. The offender's failure to return or surrender a video cassette film or tape that has been rented from a facility which rents video cassette films or tapes within thirty calendar days after notice to make such return or surrender has been sent by certified mail to the offender's last known address shall be presumptive evidence of his intent to defraud and the lessor may report to any law enforcement agency that the rented video cassette film or tape has been stolen.

Acts 1984, No. 812, §1; Acts 1987, No. 771, §1; Acts 1992, No. 981, §1; Acts 1997, No. 790, §1; Acts 2006, No. 130, §1, eff. June 2, 2006.

§221. Avoiding payment for telecommunications services, cable television services, or multipoint distribution system service

A. Avoidance of payment for telecommunication, cable television, or multipoint distribution system services is the avoidance, attempt to avoid, or the causing of another person to avoid, the lawful charges, in whole or in part, for any telephone, telegraph, cable, or multipoint distribution system service utilized or for the transmission of a message, signal, or other communication over telephone, telegraph, cable facilities, or multipoint distribution system:

(1) By the use of a code, prearranged scheme, or other similar stratagem or device whereby such person, in effect, sends or receives information; or

(2) By rearranging, tampering or interfering with, or making unauthorized connection with any facilities or equipment of a telephone or telegraph company, whether physically, inductively, acoustically, or otherwise; or

(3) By intercepting and decoding a transmission by a multipoint distribution system without the authorization of the provider of the service, the person intentionally or knowingly attaches to, causes to be attached to, or incorporates in a television set, video tape recorder, or other equipment designed to receive a television transmission a device that intercepts and decodes the transmission.

(4) By the use of any other fraudulent means, method, trick, or device.

B.(1) On first conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

C. Nothing herein shall prohibit the use of earth station receivers to receive satellite communications.

Added by Acts 1966, No. 305, §1. Amended by Acts 1981, No. 145, §1; Acts 1982, No. 751, §1.

§222. Possession, manufacture, sale or transfer of devices for avoidance of payment for telecommunications services or related offenses; seizure of devices

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly do either of the following:

(1) Make or possess any instrument, apparatus, equipment, or device designed, adapted, or which can be used for either of the following purposes:

(a) For commission of a crime in violation of R.S. 14:67.

(b) To conceal, or to assist another to conceal, from any supplier of telecommunications services or from any lawful authority the existence or place of origin or destination of any telecommunications.

(2) Sell, give, transport, or otherwise transfer to another, or offer or advertise to sell, give, or otherwise transfer, any instrument, apparatus, equipment, or device described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, or plans or instructions for making or assembling it, under circumstances evincing an intent to use or employ such instrument, apparatus, equipment, or device, or to allow it to be used or employed, for a purpose described in Subparagraph (1)(a) or

(1)(b) of this Subsection, or knowing or having reason to believe that it is intended to be so used, or that the aforesaid plans or instructions are intended to be used for making or assembling such instrument, apparatus, equipment, or device.

B.(1) Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall, on first conviction, be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

C. Any such instrument, apparatus, equipment, or device, or plans or instructions therefor, may be seized by court order under a search warrant or incident to a lawful arrest, and upon the conviction of any person for a violation of any provision of this Section, or R.S. 14:67, 67.3, or 221, such instrument, apparatus, equipment, device, plans, or instructions shall either be destroyed as contraband by the sheriff of the parish in which such person was convicted or turned over to the telephone company in whose territory such instrument, apparatus, equipment, device, plans, or instructions were seized.

D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to privately owned communications equipment which is not connected with, or does not use the equipment or facilities of a telecommunications supplier regulated by a duly constituted governmental authority; nor shall the provisions of this Section apply to privately owned communications equipment which is connected with or does use the equipment or facilities of such telecommunications supplier when such connection is lawful and in accord with the tariffs of such supplier or is made with the consent of such supplier.

E. Nothing herein shall apply to public service and emergency communications performed by holders of valid Federal Communications Commission radio amateur licenses without charge on the part of such licensees; provided that nothing herein shall excuse any person from compliance with lawful tariffs or any telecommunications company.

F. Nothing herein shall apply to the sale of premises reception equipment by other than an operating cable company, so long as the equipment sold is not capable of descrambling cable signals.

G. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow, permit, or encourage the unauthorized interception of cable services.

Added by Acts 1966, No. 306, §§1 to 3. Acts 1988, No. 696, §1; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

*As it appears in Acts 1966, No. 306.

§222.1. Unauthorized interception, interference with, or retransmission of services offered over a cable television system

A. No person shall knowingly:

(1) Intercept, receive, retransmit, connect, attach, modify, alter, remove, or tamper with any equipment, device, or television or radio component for the purpose of intercepting, receiving, or retransmitting without the authorization of a cable television system any and all services provided by or through the facilities of that system; or

(2) Manufacture, sell, offer for sale, transfer, rent, or distribute any device, equipment, plans, schematics, instructions, kit, technology, software, electronic serial number, address, media access control address, Internet protocol address, account number, telephone number,

credit number, code, personal identification number, dynamic host configuration protocol, counterfeit or clone device or component, tumbler microchip, cable television decoding device, or smart card, which is primarily designed, manufactured, sold, possessed, used, or offered for the purpose of violating this Section.

(3) Disrupt or interfere with the provision of services offered over a cable television system.

B. For the purposes of this Section the phrase "all services provided by or through the facilities of a cable television system" means for a charge or compensation to facilitate the programming, origination, transmission, projection, emission, or reception of signs, signals, data, audio, visual, writings, images, sounds, or intelligence of any nature including programming services, Internet access, and bandwidth.

C. For purposes of Subsections D and E of this Section, "second or subsequent offense" shall mean a violation of this Section, R.S. 14:67, 67.3, 222, 222.2, or 223 through 223.8 or any other law of this state prohibiting any of the actions set forth in Subsection A of this Section.

D. Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall:

(1) On first offense, be fined not more than one thousand dollars; and

(2) On second or subsequent offense, be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than sixty days, or both.

E. Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section shall:

(1)(a) On a first offense, when the offender is convicted of manufacturing, selling, transferring, renting, or selling five or less components enumerated in Paragraph (A)(2) of this Subsection, be fined not more than five thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months.

(b) On a first offense, when the offender is convicted of manufacturing, selling, transferring, renting, or selling six or more components enumerated in Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section, or for any violation of Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section, be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.

(2) For the second and subsequent violations of Paragraph (A)(2) or Paragraph (A)(3) of this Subsection, the offender shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

F. Any such equipment, or a kit for making such equipment herein, may be seized by court order under a search warrant or incident to lawful arrest; and upon the conviction of any person for a violation of this Section or R.S. 14:67, 67.3, 222, 222.2 or 223 through 223.8 inclusive, such equipment or kit shall either be destroyed as contraband by the parish in which such person was convicted or turned over to the cable television system in whose territory such equipment or kit was seized.

G. It shall not be a violation of this Section to manufacture, distribute, or sell any device used for legal purposes merely because the same device is capable of being used to commit a violation of this Section, if the manufacturer, distributor, or seller does not act with the intent that such device will be used for conduct violating this Section.

H. This Section shall not be construed to impose any criminal liability upon any state or local law enforcement agency, any state or local governmental agency, municipality, or any

communications service provider, cable television company or multipoint distribution system, unless such entity knowingly and intentionally violates the provisions of this Section.

Added by Acts 1983, No. 471, §1; Acts 2004, No. 270, §1, eff. July 1, 2004.

§222.2. Cellular telephone counterfeiting

A. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Cellular telephone" means a communication device containing a unique electronic serial number that is programmed into its computer chip by its manufacturer and the operation of which is dependent on the transmission of that electronic serial number along with a mobile identification number, which is assigned by the cellular telephone carrier, in the form of radio signals through cell sites and mobile switching stations.

(2) "Cloned cellular telephone" or "counterfeit cellular telephone" means a cellular telephone the electronic serial number of which has been altered from the electronic serial number that was programmed in the phone by the manufacturer.

(3) "Cloning paraphernalia" means materials that, when possessed in combination, are necessary for and capable of the creation of a cloned cellular telephone. These materials include scanners to intercept the electronic serial number and mobile identification number, cellular telephones, cables, EPROM chips, EPROM burners, software for programming the microchip of the cloned cellular telephone with a false electronic serial number and mobile identification number combination, a computer containing such software, and lists of electronic serial number and mobile identification number combinations.

(4) "Electronic serial number" means the unique numerical algorithm that is programmed into the microchip of each cellular telephone by the manufacturer and is vital to the successful operation and billing of the telephone.

(5) "Intercept" means to electronically capture, record, reveal, or otherwise access the signals emitted or received during the operation of a cellular telephone without the consent of the sender or receiver thereof, by means of any instrument, device, or equipment.

(6) "Mobile identification number" means the cellular telephone number assigned to the cellular telephone by the cellular telephone carrier.

(7) "Possess" means to have physical possession of or otherwise to exercise dominion or control over tangible property.

B. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess a cloned cellular telephone. Any person found guilty of knowingly possessing a cloned cellular telephone shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.

C. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly sell a cloned cellular telephone. Any person found guilty of knowingly selling a cloned cellular telephone shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than two years nor more than five years, or both.

D. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess an instrument capable of intercepting electronic serial number and mobile identification number combinations or other cloning paraphernalia under circumstances evidencing an intent to clone a cellular telephone. Any person violating this provision shall be fined not more than seven thousand five hundred

dollars and imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than five years nor more than seven years.

E. On a second and subsequent conviction of any of the offenses provided for in this Section, the offender shall be fined not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than fifteen thousand dollars and imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than ten years.

F. Nothing herein shall make unlawful the possession or use of cloning paraphernalia, a cloned cellular telephone, or any intercept by a law enforcement officer or persons acting pursuant to a lawful court order in the course of a criminal investigation.

Acts 1997, No. 1014, §1.

§222.3. Unlawful use of a cellular tracking device; penalty

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a cellular tracking device or to use a cellular tracking device for the purpose of collecting, intercepting, accessing, transferring, or forwarding the data transmitted or received by the communications device, or stored on the communications device of another without the consent of a party to the communication and by intentionally deceptive means.

B. For the purposes of this Section:

(1) "Cellular tracking device" means a device that transmits or receives radio waves to or from a communications device in a manner that interferes with the normal functioning of the communications device or communications network and that can be used to intercept, collect, access, transfer, or forward the data transmitted or received by the communications device, or stored on the communications device, includes an international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) catcher or other cell phone or telephone surveillance or eavesdropping device that mimics a cellular base station and sends radio waves that cause cell phones or other communications devices in the area to transmit or receive radio waves, electronic data, location data, information used to calculate location, identifying information, communications content, or metadata, or otherwise obtains this information through passive means, such as through the use of a digital analyzer or other passive interception device; and does not include any device used or installed by an electric utility solely to the extent such device is used by that utility to measure electrical usage, to provide services to customers, or to operate the electric grid.

(2) "Telecommunications device" means any type of instrument, device, or machine that is capable of transmitting or receiving telephonic, electronic, radio, text, or data communications, including but not limited to a cellular telephone, a text-messaging device, a personal digital assistant, a computer, or any other similar wireless device that is designed to engage in a call or communicate text or data. It does not include citizens band radios, citizens band radio hybrids, commercial two-way radio communication devices, or electronic communication devices with a push-to-talk function.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) An investigative or law enforcement officer, judicial officer, probation or parole officer, or employee of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections using a cellular tracking device when that person is engaged in the lawful performance of official duties and in accordance with other state or federal law, including using a cellular tracking device in

accordance with the Electronic Surveillance Act and pursuant to a court order as provided for in R.S. 15:1317 and 1318.

(2) An operator of a switchboard, or any officer, employee, or agent of any electronic communications carrier, whose facilities are used in the transmission of a wire communication, to intercept, disclose, or use that communication in the normal course of his employment while engaged in any activity which is necessary to his service or to the protection of the rights or property of the carrier of such communication; however, such communications common carriers shall not utilize service observing or random monitoring, except for mechanical or service quality control checks.

(3) An officer, employee, or agent of the Federal Communications Commission, in the normal course of his employment and in discharge of the monitoring responsibilities exercised by the commission in the enforcement of Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the United States Code.

(4) The owner of a motor vehicle, including the owner of a vehicle available for rent, who has consented to the use of the tracking device with respect to that vehicle.

(5) The lessor or lessee of a motor vehicle and the person operating the motor vehicle who have consented to the use of a tracking device with respect to that vehicle.

(6) An automobile manufacturer, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or a related telematics provider installing a feature that could be considered a tracking device with respect to that vehicle.

(7)(a) A parent or legal guardian of a minor child whose location or movements are being tracked by the parent or legal guardian.

(b) When the parents of the minor child are living separate and apart and are divorced from one another, this exception shall apply only if both parents consent to the tracking of the minor child's location and movements, unless one parent has been granted sole custody, in which case consent of the noncustodial parent shall not be required.

(8) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections tracking an offender who is under its custody or supervision.

(9) Any provider of a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS), such as a mobile telephone service or vehicle safety or security service, which allows the provider of CMRS to determine the location or movement of a device provided to a customer of such service.

(10) Any commercial motor carrier operation.

(11) A provider of a mobile application or similar technology that a consumer affirmatively chooses to download onto the consumer's wireless device, or any technology used in conjunction with the mobile application or similar technology.

(12) Any use of technology provided by an entity based upon the prior consent of a consumer for such use.

(13) A person acting in good faith on behalf of a business entity for a legitimate business purpose.

(14) A law enforcement agency conducting training or calibration and maintenance of tracking equipment on the cell phone of another law enforcement officer who has given consent for his phone to be tracked for training or calibration and maintenance purposes.

(15) Any person who has more than one cellular phone or similar wireless telecommunications device as part of a wireless service plan contract and who is ascertaining or attempting to ascertain the location of any telecommunications device that is part of that plan.

(16) Any person who has a cellular phone or similar wireless telecommunications device and wireless service plan contract, or a wireless service provider at the person's direction, who is ascertaining or attempting to ascertain the location of any telecommunications device that is part of that plan and that has been lost or stolen.

D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than three thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.

Acts 2016, No. 308, §1.

§223. Sound reproductions without consent prohibited

Any person who, for commercial gain, knowingly transfers or causes to be transferred, sells, distributes, circulates, or causes to be sold, distributed, or circulated, directly or indirectly, or possesses for such purposes, any sounds recorded on any article for a consideration without the consent of the owner within the state of Louisiana shall be guilty of a criminal offense and punished as provided in R.S. 14:223.3. This Section applies only to sound recordings and does not apply to motion pictures or other audiovisual works.

Acts 1972, No. 350, §1; Acts 1990, No. 122, §1; Acts 2007, No. 104, §1.

§223.1. Terms defined

The following terms have the meanings indicated:

(1) As used in R.S. 14:223 and 223.6*, "owner" means the person who owns the sounds fixed in the master phonograph record, master disc, master tape, master film, master audio or video cassette, or other device now known or later developed, used for reproducing recorded sounds or images on phonograph records, discs, tapes, films, video cassettes, or other articles or media on which sound is or may be recorded and from which the transferred recorded sounds are directly or indirectly derived. As used in R.S. 14:223.5, "owner" means the person who owns the sounds and images or the rights to authorize the recording of the sounds or images of any performance not fixed in a tangible medium of expression.

(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other legal entity.

(3) "Recording" and "article" mean any original phonograph record, disc, tape, audio or visual cassette, wire, film, or other medium known or later developed on which sounds or images are recorded or otherwise stored, or any copy or reproduction which duplicates, in whole or in part, the original.

(4) "Audiovisual work" means a series of related images intended to be shown through the use of mechanical or electronic devices, together with accompanying sounds, if any.

(5) "Motion picture" means an audiovisual work consisting of a series of images which, when shown in succession, impart an impression of motion together with accompanying sounds, if any.

(6) "Phonorecord" means a material object in which sounds other than those accompanying a motion picture or other audiovisual work are fixed by any method now known

or later developed, and from which the sounds can be perceived, reproduced, or otherwise communicated directly or with the aid of a machine or device. Phonorecord includes the material object in which the sound is first fixed.

(7) "Counterfeit label" means an identifying label or container that appears to be genuine but is not.

Acts 1972, No. 350, §2; Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

*AS APPEARS IN ENROLLED BILL.

§223.2. Exceptions

R.S. 14:223 through 223.8 shall not apply to any person engaged in radio or television broadcasting who transfers or causes to be transferred any such sounds intended for or in connection with broadcast transmissions or related uses or for archival purposes.

Acts 1972, No. 350, §3; Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

§223.3. Penalties

Any person, any member of a partnership, or any officer or employee of a corporation found guilty of violating any provision of R.S. 14:223 through 223.8 shall be punished as follows:

(1) For the first offense of a violation of R.S. 14:223, 223.4, or 223.5 involving fewer than one hundred phonorecords; a violation of R.S. 14:223.7 involving fewer than one hundred counterfeit labels affixed or designed to be affixed to phonorecords; a violation of R.S. 14:223.6 involving fewer than one hundred articles upon which motion pictures or other audiovisual works are recorded; or a violation of R.S. 14:223.7 involving fewer than one hundred counterfeit labels affixed or designed to be affixed to articles upon which motion pictures or other audiovisual works are or are to be recorded, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

(2) For the first offense of a violation of R.S. 14:223.8, the offender shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two years with or without hard labor, or both.

(3) For any offense of a violation of R.S. 14:223, 223.5, or 223.6 involving one hundred or more phonorecords; a violation of R.S. 14:223.7 involving one hundred or more counterfeit labels affixed or designed to be affixed to phonorecords; a violation of R.S. 14:223.6 involving one hundred or more articles upon which motion pictures or other audiovisual works are recorded; or a violation of R.S. 14:223.7 involving one hundred or more counterfeit labels affixed or designed to be affixed to articles upon which motion pictures or other audiovisual works are or are to be recorded, the offender shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than five years with or without hard labor, or both.

(4) For the second and subsequent violations of R.S. 14:223 through 223.8, the offender shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than two years nor more than five years with or without hard labor, or both.

(5) Whenever any person is convicted of any violation of R.S. 14:223 through 223.8, the court in its judgment of conviction may, in addition to any other penalty, order the forfeiture and destruction or other disposition of all unlawful recordings, counterfeit labels, and all implements, devices, and equipment used or intended to be used in the manufacture of the unlawful recordings or counterfeit labels. The court may enter an order preserving such recordings, labels, implements, devices, or equipment as evidence for use in other cases or pending the final determination of an appeal.

Acts 1972, No. 350, §4; Acts 1990, No. 122, §1; Acts 2005, No. 13, §1.

§223.4. Civil remedies preserved

Nothing in R.S. 14:223 through 223.8 shall be construed to abrogate or modify any civil action for any of the acts referred to herein.

Acts 1972, No. 350, §5; Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

§223.5. Recording of performances without consent prohibited

Any person who, without the consent of the owner and for commercial gain, knowingly transfers or causes to be transferred to any article, or sells, distributes, circulates, or causes to be sold, distributed, or circulated, directly or indirectly, or possesses for such purposes, a recording of any performance whether live before a studio or committed by wire through the air by radio or television with intent to sell or cause to be sold or used to promote the sale of any article or product within the state of Louisiana shall be guilty of a criminal offense and punished as provided in R.S. 14:223.3.

Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

§223.6. Rental or sale of improperly labeled articles prohibited

Any person who advertises, offers for rental, sale, resale, distribution, or circulation, or rents, sells, resells, distributes, or circulates, or causes to be sold, resold, distributed, or circulated, or possesses for such purposes, any recording the cover, label, or jacket of which fails to conspicuously display thereon in clearly readable print, the true name and address of the manufacturer and the name of any actual performer or group thereof shall be guilty of a criminal offense and punished as provided in R.S. 14:223.3.

Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

§223.7. Counterfeiting or possessing counterfeit labels prohibited

Any person who has in his possession for any illegal purpose or who makes, sells, issues, distributes, circulates, or puts in circulation a counterfeit label affixed or designed to be affixed to a recording within the state of Louisiana shall be guilty of a criminal offense and punished as provided in R.S. 14:223.3.

Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

§223.8. Possessing of tools and equipment used for manufacturing unauthorized sound recordings prohibited

Any person who, for any of the purposes mentioned in R.S. 14:223 through 223.7, possesses or controls any electronic, mechanical, or other device for manufacturing or reproducing recordings or counterfeit labels, or who possesses or controls any tool, implement, instrument, or thing, used, fitted, or intended to be used for such purposes within the state of Louisiana shall be guilty of a criminal offense and punished as provided in R.S. 14:223.3.

Acts 1990, No. 122, §1.

§223.9. Unlawful operation of a recording device

A. For the purposes of this Section:

(1) "Audiovisual recording function" means the capability of a device to record or transmit a motion picture or any part thereof, including the audio portion, by means of any technology now known or later developed.

(2) "Motion picture theater" means a movie theater, screening room, or other venue that is being utilized primarily for the exhibition of a motion picture at the time of the offense.

B. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly operate the audiovisual recording function of any device in a motion picture theater while a motion picture is being exhibited without the written consent of the motion picture theater owner.

C.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) On a second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.

(3) For the purposes of this Section, conviction must include a conviction for a similar offense under the law of another state or the federal government.

D. The owner or lessee of a motion picture theater, or the authorized agent or employee of such owner or lessee, who alerts law enforcement authorities of an alleged violation of this Section shall not be liable in any civil action arising out of actions taken by such owner, lessee, agent, or employee in the course of subsequently detaining a person believed in good faith to have violated the provisions of this Section unless the plaintiff can show by clear and convincing evidence that such measures were manifestly unreasonable or the period of detention was for an unreasonable length of time.

E. This Section shall not prevent any lawfully authorized investigative, law enforcement protective, or intelligence gathering employee or agent of the local, state, or federal government, from operating any audiovisual recording device in a motion picture theater, as part of lawfully authorized investigative, protective, law enforcement, or intelligence gathering activities.

F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent prosecution under any other provision of law providing for a greater penalty.

Acts 2005, No. 11, §1.

§224. Transportation of water from St. Tammany Parish prohibited; penalties

A. No person, firm, corporation, public body, quasi-public body or political subdivision shall transport underground water or surface water from the parish of St. Tammany to any person, firm, corporation, municipality or city located outside of said parish; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling or furnishing to consumers bottled water from wells which are situated within the said parish.

B. Any violation of this law shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by a jail sentence of not more than six months, and each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Acts 1968, No. 284, §§1, 2. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 42, §1.

§225. Institutional vandalism

A. A person commits the crime of institutional vandalism by knowingly vandalizing, defacing, or otherwise damaging the following:

(1) Any church, synagogue, or other building, structure, or place used for religious worship or other religious purpose.

(2) Any cemetery, mortuary, or other facility used for the purpose of burial or memorializing the dead.

(3) Any school, educational facility, or community center.

(4) The grounds adjacent to and immediately surrounding any institution, facility, building, structure, or place described in Paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) above.

(5) Any personal property contained in any institution, facility, building, structure, or place described in Paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) above.

(6) Any building owned by the United States, state of Louisiana, or a political subdivision of this state.

B. Institutional vandalism is punishable as follows:

(1) When the damage is less than five hundred dollars, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) When the damage amounts to five hundred dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years or both.

(3) When the damage amounts to fifty thousand dollars or more, the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both.

C. In determining the amount of damage to or loss of property, damage includes the cost of repair or replacement of the property that was damaged or lost.

Acts 1984, No. 583, §1.

§226. Protection of owners of crayfish farms; penalties

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than the owner thereof, to fish for or to take crayfish from any domestic crayfish farm, unless the express consent of the owner is first obtained.

B. A domestic crayfish farm for the purposes of this Section means an earthen reservoir constructed so as to prevent the free ingress and egress of crayfish from public waters and on which the owner of private property cultivates, grows, harvests and markets domesticated crayfish that are spawned, grown, cultivated, managed, harvested and marketed on an annual, biennial or short term basis in privately owned waters which do not form a part of natural streams or lakes.

C. Whoever violates Subsection A of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be imprisoned for not more than one year or be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or both.

Acts 1970, No. 627, §§2 to 4; Acts 2014, No. 791, §7.

§227. Identification number, personal property, alteration or removal prohibited

A. No person shall cover, remove, deface, alter, or destroy the manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark on any pipeline or oil and gas equipment for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity; nor shall any person knowingly buy, sell, receive, dispose of, conceal, or knowingly have in his possession any pipeline or oil and gas equipment from or on which the manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been covered, removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed, for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity.

B. The following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this Section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Pipeline equipment" means a pipe, fittings, pumps, telephone and telegraph lines, and all other material and equipment used or intended to be used as part of or incident to the construction, maintenance, and operation of a pipeline for the transportation of oil, gas, water, or other liquid or gaseous substance.

(2) "Oil and gas equipment" means equipment and materials that are part of or incident to the development, maintenance, and operation of oil and gas properties, and includes equipment and materials that are part of or incident to the construction, maintenance, and operation of oil and gas wells, oil and gas leases, gasoline plants, and refineries.

C. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than twelve months, or both; and in default of fine, shall be imprisoned for not more than twelve additional months.

Added by Acts 1979, No. 251, §1.

§228. Interference with animal research facilities or animal management facilities

A. It shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) To intentionally release, steal, or otherwise cause the loss of any animal from an animal research facility or an animal management facility.

(2) To damage, vandalize, or steal any property from or on an animal research facility or an animal management facility.

(3) To obtain access to an animal research facility or an animal management facility by false pretenses for the purpose of performing acts described in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection.

(4) To break and enter into any animal research facility or animal management facility with the intent to destroy, alter, duplicate, or obtain unauthorized possession of records, data, materials, equipment, or animals.

(5) To enter or remain on an animal research facility or an animal management facility with the intent to commit an act prohibited in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection.

(6) To knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control, by theft or deception, over records, data, material, equipment, or animals of any animal research facility or animal management facility for the purpose of depriving the legal owner of an animal research facility or animal management facility of records, material, data, equipment, or animals or for the purpose of using, concealing, abandoning, or destroying such records, material, data, equipment, or animals.

(7) To possess or use records, material, data, equipment, or animals or in any way to copy or reproduce records or data of an animal research facility or animal management facility, knowing or reasonably believing such records, material, data, equipment, or animals to have been obtained by theft or deception or without authorization of that facility.

B.(1) "Animal research facility" as used herein means that portion of the premises of an accredited institution of higher learning located within the state that is engaged in legitimate scientific, medical, or veterinary medicine research involving the use of animals.

(2) "Animal management facility" as used herein means that portion of any vehicle, building, structure, or premises, where an animal is kept, handled, housed, exhibited, bred, or offered for sale, and any agricultural trade association properties. Animal management facility also means that portion of any vehicle, building, structure, premises, property, or equipment used in the conduct of authorized wildlife management practices, including but not limited to the control of animals that damage property, natural resources, humans, health and safety.

C. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 1989, No. 644, §1; Acts 1990, No. 445, §1.

{{NOTE: SEE ALSO R.S. 14:102.9.}}

§228.1. Unauthorized release of certain animals, birds, or aquatic species

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally and without permission, release any animal, bird, or aquatic species which has been lawfully confined for agriculture, science, research, commerce, public propagation, protective custody, or education.

B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Acts 1990, No. 205, §2.

§229. Illegal use of counterfeit trademark; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly sell, possess with the intent to sell, or otherwise transfer for compensation anything of value having a counterfeit trademark.

B. For the purposes of this Section:

(1) "Person" shall include an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

(2) "Counterfeit trademark" shall mean a false trademark that is identical to or substantially indistinguishable from:

(a) A genuine trademark registered on the principal register in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and used or intended for use on or in connection with goods or services; or

(b) A genuine trademark specifically protected by any state or federal statute.

C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

D. In lieu of a fine otherwise authorized by law, any person convicted of engaging in conduct in violation of the provisions of this Section through which said person derived pecuniary value, or by which said person caused personal injury or property damage or other loss, may be sentenced to pay a fine that does not exceed three times the gross value gained or three times the gross loss caused, whichever is greater. The court shall hold a hearing to determine the amount of the fine authorized by this Subsection.

Acts 1984, No. 224, §1; Acts 2011, No. 73, §1.

{{NOTE: SEE ACTS 1984, NO. 224, §2.}}

§230. Money laundering; transactions involving proceeds of criminal activity

A. As used in this section:

(1) "Criminal activity" means any offense, including conspiracy and attempt to commit the offense, that is punishable as a felony under the laws of this state or the United States or that is punishable by confinement for more than one year under the laws of another state.

(2) "Funds" means any of the following:

(a) Coin or paper money of the United States or any other country that is designated as legal tender and that circulates and is customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange in the country of issue.

(b) United States silver certificates, United States Treasury notes, and Federal Reserve System notes.

(c) Official foreign bank notes that are customarily used and accepted as a medium of exchange in a foreign country and foreign bank drafts.

(d) Electronic or written checks, drafts, money orders, traveler's checks, or other electronic or written instruments or orders for the transmission or payment of money.

(e) Investment securities or negotiable instruments, in bearer form or otherwise in such form that title thereto passes upon delivery.

(3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in R.S. 40:2402(1)(a).

(4) "Proceeds" means funds acquired or derived directly or indirectly from or produced or realized through an act.

B. It is unlawful for any person knowingly to do any of the following:

(1) Conduct, supervise, or facilitate a financial transaction involving proceeds known to be derived from criminal activity, when the transaction is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or the control of proceeds known to be derived from such violation or to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state or federal law.

(2) Give, sell, transfer, trade, invest, conceal, transport, maintain an interest in, or otherwise make available anything of value known to be for the purpose of committing or furthering the commission of any criminal activity.

(3) Direct, plan, organize, initiate, finance, manage, supervise, or facilitate the transportation or transfer of proceeds known to be derived from any violation of criminal activity.

(4) Receive or acquire proceeds derived from any violation of criminal activity, or knowingly or intentionally engage in any transaction that the person knows involves proceeds from any such violations.

(5) Acquire or maintain an interest in, receive, conceal, possess, transfer, or transport the proceeds of criminal activity.

(6) Invest, expend, or receive, or offer to invest, expend, or receive, the proceeds of criminal activity.

C. It is a defense to prosecution under this Section that the person acted with intent to facilitate the lawful seizure, forfeiture, or disposition of funds or other legitimate law enforcement purpose pursuant to the laws of this state or the United States.

D. It is a defense to prosecution under this Section that the transaction was necessary to preserve a person's right to representation as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and by Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana or that the funds were received as bona fide legal fees by a licensed attorney and, at the time of their receipt, the attorney did not have actual knowledge that the funds were derived from criminal activity.

E.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section, if the value of the funds is less than three thousand dollars, may be imprisoned for not more than six months or fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.

(2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section, if the value of the funds is three thousand dollars or more but less than twenty thousand dollars, may be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than two years nor more than ten years and may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

(3) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section, if the value of the funds is twenty thousand dollars or more but less than one hundred thousand dollars, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than two years nor more than twenty years and may be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars.

(4) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section, if the value of the funds is one hundred thousand dollars or more, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than two years nor more than fifty years and may be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars.

Acts 1994, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 78, §1; Acts 2010, No. 608, §1; Acts 2017, No. 281, §1.

§231. Counterfeit and nonfunctional air bags prohibited; air bag fraud

A. No person shall knowingly install or reinstall in any motor vehicle a counterfeit or nonfunctional air bag or any other object intended to fulfill the function of an air bag that does not meet the definition of "air bag" set forth in Subsection D of this Section.

B. No person shall knowingly manufacture, import, sell, or offer for sale a counterfeit or nonfunctional air bag or any other object intended to fulfill the function of an air bag that does not meet the definition of "air bag" set forth in Subsection D of this Section.

C. No person shall knowingly sell, install, or reinstall a device in a motor vehicle that causes the diagnostic system of the vehicle to indicate inaccurately that the vehicle is equipped with a functional air bag.

D. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Air bag" means an inflatable occupant restraint system, including all component parts, such as the cover, sensors, controllers, inflators, and wiring, designed to activate in a motor vehicle in the event of a crash to mitigate injury or ejection and that meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards set forth in 49 CFR 571.208 for the make, model, and model year of the motor vehicle.

(2) "Counterfeit air bag" means an air bag displaying a mark identically or substantially similar to the genuine mark of a motor vehicle manufacturer, without the authorization of the motor vehicle manufacturer.

(3) "Nonfunctional air bag" means any of the following:

(a) A replacement air bag that has been previously deployed or damaged.

(b) A replacement air bag that has an electrical fault that is detected by the air bag diagnostic system after the air bag is installed.

(c) A counterfeit air bag, air bag cover, or some other object that is installed in a motor vehicle in order to mislead or deceive an owner or operator of the motor vehicle into believing that a functional air bag has been installed.

(4) Repealed by Acts 2019, Chap. 2, § 3.

E. Whoever violates the provisions of Subsection A or C of this Section shall:

(1) Upon first conviction, be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

(2) Upon a second and subsequent conviction, or if the violation results in the serious bodily injury or death of any person, be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

F. Whoever violates the provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall:

(1) Upon conviction, be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both, except as provided in Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection.

(2) Upon conviction, if the cumulative sales price of the air bags or objects involved in the violation is at least five thousand dollars but less than one hundred thousand dollars, or if the number of air bags or objects involved in the violation is at least one hundred but less than one thousand, be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than two years, or both.

(3) Upon conviction, if the cumulative sales price of the air bags or objects involved in the violation is one hundred thousand dollars or more, or if the number of air bags or objects involved in the violation is one thousand or more, be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.

G. Each manufacture, importation, installation, reinstallation, sale, or offer for sale in violation of this Section shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

Acts 2003, No. 654, §1; Acts 2014, No. 105, §1, eff. May 16, 2014; Acts 2019, No. 2, §3.

PART II. OFFENSES AFFECTING PUBLIC MORALS

§281. Disorderly place, maintaining of prohibited; penalty

No person shall maintain a place of public entertainment or a public resort or any place, room, or part of a building open to the public in such a manner as to disturb the public peace and quiet of the neighborhood, or in which lewd dancing is permitted, or in which lewd pictures are accessible to view.

Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days, or both.

§282. Operation of places of prostitution prohibited; penalty

A. No person shall maintain, operate, or knowingly own any place or any conveyance used for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution, or shall rent or let any place or conveyance to any person with knowledge of or good reason to believe that the lessee intends to use the place or conveyance for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution, or reside in, enter, or remain in any place for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution.

B.(1) Whoever violates or aids, abets, or participates in the violation of this Section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both.

(2) Whoever violates any provision of this Section for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution of persons under the age of eighteen shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years, or both.

(3) Whoever violates any provision of this Section for the purpose of lewdness, assignation, or prostitution of persons under the age of fourteen years shall be fined not more than seventy-five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than fifty years, or both.

(4)(a) In addition, the court shall order that the personal property used in the commission of the offense, or the proceeds of any such conduct, shall be seized and impounded, and after conviction, sold at public sale or public auction by the district attorney, or otherwise distributed or disposed of, in accordance with R.S. 15:539.1.

(b) The personal property made subject to seizure and sale pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may include, but shall not be limited to, electronic communication devices, computers, computer related equipment, motor vehicles, photographic equipment used to record or create still or moving visual images of the victim that are recorded on paper, film, video tape, disc, or any other type of digital recording media, and currency, instruments, or securities.

Amended by Acts 1980, No. 708, §1; Acts 2012, No. 446, §1; Acts 2013, No. 83, §1; Acts 2014, No. 564, §1; Acts 2017, No. 180, §1, eff. June 12, 2017.

§283. Video voyeurism; penalties

A. Video voyeurism is any of the following:

(1) The use of any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any other image recording device, or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any other image recording device, for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping a person where that person has not consented to the specific instance of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping and either:

(a) It is for a lewd or lascivious purpose.

(b) The observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping is as described in Paragraph (B)(3) of this Section and occurs in a place where an identifiable person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

(2) The transfer of an image obtained by activity described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection by live or recorded telephone message, electronic mail, the Internet, or a commercial online service.

B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Subsection, whoever commits the crime of video voyeurism shall, upon a first conviction thereof, be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

(2) On a subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned at hard labor for not less than six months, or more than three years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(3) Whoever commits the crime of video voyeurism when the observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping is of any vaginal or anal sexual intercourse, actual or simulated sexual intercourse, masturbation, any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola or of any portion of the pubic hair, anus, cleft of the buttocks, vulva, or genitals shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one year or more than five years, without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(4) Whoever commits the crime of video voyeurism when the observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping is of any child under the age of seventeen with the intention of arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than two years or more than ten years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the transference of such images by a telephone company, cable television company, or any of its affiliates, an Internet provider, or commercial online service provider, or to the carrying, broadcasting, or performing of related activities in providing telephone, cable television, Internet, or commercial online services.

D. After the institution of prosecution, access to and the disposition of any material seized as evidence of this offense shall be in accordance with R.S. 46:1845.

E. Any evidence resulting from the commission of video voyeurism shall be contraband.

F. A violation of the provisions of this Section shall be considered a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541. Whoever commits the crime of video voyeurism shall be required to register as a sex offender as provided for in Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

G. For purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

H. This Section shall not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website, video, report, or event and shall not be construed to affect the rights of any news-gathering organization.

Acts 1999, No. 1240, §1; Acts 2003, No. 690, §1; Acts 2003, No. 1245, §1; Acts 2016, No. 635, §1; Acts 2018, No. 630, §1.

§283.1. Voyeurism; penalties

A. Voyeurism is the viewing, observing, spying upon, or invading the privacy of a person by looking or using an unmanned aircraft system to look through the doors, windows, or other openings of a private residence without the consent of the victim who has a reasonable expectation of privacy for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of the offender.

B.(1) Whoever commits the crime of voyeurism, upon a first conviction, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year, or both.

C. For purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

Acts 2004, No. 888, §1; Acts 2016, No. 635, §1

§283.2. Nonconsensual disclosure of a private image

A. A person commits the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of a private image when all of the following occur:

(1) The person intentionally discloses an image of another person who is seventeen years of age or older, who is identifiable from the image or information displayed in connection with the image, and whose intimate parts are exposed in whole or in part.

(2) The person who discloses the image obtained it under circumstances in which a reasonable person would know or understand that the image was to remain private.

(3) The person who discloses the image knew or should have known that the person in the image did not consent to the disclosure of the image.

(4) The person who discloses the image has the intent to harass or cause emotional distress to the person in the image, and the person who commits the offense knew or should have known that the disclosure could harass or cause emotional distress to the person in the image.

B. Disclosure of an image under any of the following circumstances does not constitute commission of the offense defined in Subsection A of this Section:

(1) When the disclosure is made by any criminal justice agency for the purpose of a criminal investigation that is otherwise lawful.

(2) When the disclosure is made for the purpose of, or in connection with, the reporting of unlawful conduct to law enforcement or a criminal justice agency.

(3) When the person depicted in the image voluntarily or knowingly exposed his or her intimate parts in a public setting.

(4) When the image is related to a matter of public interest, public concern, or related to a public figure who is intimately involved in the resolution of important public questions, or by reason of his fame shapes events in areas of concern to society.

C. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Criminal justice agency" means any government agency or subunit thereof, or private agency that, through statutory authorization or a legal formal agreement with a governmental unit or agency, has the power of investigation, arrest, detention, prosecution, adjudication, treatment, supervision, rehabilitation, or release of persons suspected, charged, or convicted of a crime; or that collects, stores, processes, transmits, or disseminates criminal history records or crime information.

(2) "Disclosure" means to, electronically or otherwise, transfer, give, provide, distribute, mail, deliver, circulate, publish on the internet, or disseminate by any means.

(3) "Image" means any photograph, film, videotape, digital recording, or other depiction or portrayal of an object, including a human body.

(4) "Intimate parts" means the fully unclothed, partially unclothed, or transparently clothed genitals, pubic area, or anus. If the person depicted in the image is a female, "intimate parts" also means a partially or fully exposed nipple, including exposure through transparent clothing.

D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose liability on the provider of an interactive computer service as defined by 47 U.S.C. 230(f)(2), an information service as defined by 47 U.S.C. 153(4), or a telecommunication service as defined by 47 U.S.C. 153(53), for content provided by another person.

E. Whoever commits the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of a private image shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.

Acts 2015, No. 231, §1.

§283.3. Abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means

A. A person commits the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means when all of the following occur:

(1) The person transfers an image that was obtained by any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, unmanned aircraft system, or any other image recording device and that was obtained for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping any person with an infirmity.

(2) The person transfers the image by live or recorded telephone message, electronic mail, the internet, or a commercial online service.

(3) The person transfers the image with the malicious and willful intent to embarrass, shame, harass, coerce, abuse, torment, or intimidate, regardless of whether the victim has knowledge of the transfer.

B. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Person with an infirmity" means a person who suffers from a mental or physical disability, including those associated with advanced age, which renders the person incapable of

adequately providing for his personal care. A person with an infirmity may include but is not limited to a person who is a resident of a nursing home, facility for persons with intellectual disabilities, mental health facility, hospital, or other residential facility or recipients of home and community-based care.

(2) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means shall, upon a first conviction thereof, be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) On a second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the transference of such images by a telephone company, television broadcast licensee of the Federal Communications Commission, cable television company, or any of its affiliates, an internet provider, or commercial online service provider, or to the carrying, broadcasting, or performing of related activities in providing telephone, over-the-air television, cable television, internet, or commercial online services.

E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any healthcare provider through its use of any of its cameras, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, unmanned aircraft system, or any other image recording device within the facility.

F. Any evidence resulting from the commission of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means shall be confidential.

Acts 2018, No. 263, §1.

Extract

§284. Peeping Tom; penalties

A. No person shall perform such acts as will make him a "Peeping Tom" on or about the premises of another, or go upon the premises of another for the purpose of becoming a "Peeping Tom".

B. "Peeping Tom" as used in this Section means one who peeps through windows or doors, or other like places, situated on or about the premises of another or uses an unmanned aircraft system for the purpose of spying upon or invading the privacy of persons spied upon without the consent of the persons spied upon. It is not a necessary element of this offense that the "Peeping Tom" be upon the premises of the person being spied upon.

C.(1) Whoever violates this Section, upon a first conviction, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) Upon a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(3) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year, or both.

D. For purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

Acts 1950, No. 437, §§1 to 3; Acts 2014, No. 662, §1; Acts 2016, No. 635, §1.

§285. Unlawful communications; telephones and telecommunications devices; improper language; harassment; penalty

A. No person shall:

(1) Engage in or institute a telephone call, telephone conversation, or telephone conference, with another person, or use any telecommunications device to send any text message or other message to another person directly, anonymously or otherwise, and therein use obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or lascivious language, or make any suggestion or proposal of an obscene nature or threaten any illegal or immoral act with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person.

(2) Make repeated telephone communications or send repeated text messages or other messages using any telecommunications device directly to a person anonymously or otherwise in a manner reasonably expected to abuse, torment, harass, embarrass, or offend another, whether or not conversation ensues.

(3) Make a telephone call and intentionally fail to hang up or disengage the connection.

(4) Engage in a telephone call, conference, or recorded communication by using obscene language or by making a graphic description of a sexual act, or use any telecommunications device to send any text message or other message containing obscene language or any obscene content, anonymously or otherwise, directly to another person, when the offender knows or reasonably should know that such obscene or graphic language is directed to, or will be heard by, a minor. Lack of knowledge of age shall not constitute a defense.

(5) Knowingly permit any telephone or any other telecommunications device under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this Section.

B. Any offense as set forth in this Section shall be deemed to have been committed at either the place where the communication originated or the place where the communication was received.

C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

D. Upon second or subsequent offenses, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or both.

E. For the purposes of this Section, "telecommunications device" shall mean any type of instrument, device, or machine that is capable of transmitting or receiving telephonic, electronic, radio, text, or data communications, including but not limited to a cellular telephone, a text-messaging device, a personal digital assistant, a computer, or any other similar wireless device that is designed to engage in a call or communicate text or data.

Acts 1954, No. 435, §§1, 2. Amended by Acts 1958, No. 121, §§1, 2; Acts 1963, No. 54, §1; Acts 1966, No. 304, §1; Acts 1984, No. 477, §1; Acts 1999, No. 338, §1; Acts 2001, No. 944, §4; Acts 2018, No. 426, §1.

§286. Sale of minor children and other prohibited activities; penalties

A.(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or surrender a minor child to another person for money or anything of value, or to receive a minor child for such payment of money or anything of value, except as specifically provided in Children's Code Articles 1200 and 1223.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to pay or receive anything of value for the procurement, attempted procurement, or assistance in the procurement of a party to an act of voluntary surrender of a child for adoption except as specifically provided in Children's Code Articles 1200 and 1223.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any petitioner, person acting on a petitioner's behalf, agency or attorney or other intermediary to make or agree to make any disbursements in connection with the adoptive placement, surrender, or adoption of a child except as specifically provided in Children's Code Articles 1200 and 1223.

(4) It shall be unlawful to make a false statement in any adoption disclosure affidavit with the intent to deceive and with knowledge that the statement is false.

B.(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter into, induce, arrange, procure, knowingly advertise for, or otherwise assist in a gestational carrier contract, whether written or unwritten, that is not in compliance with the requirements provided for in R.S. 9:2718 et seq.

(2) No person who is a party to, or acting on behalf of the parties to a gestational carrier contract shall make or agree to make any disbursements in connection with the gestational carrier contract other than the following:

(a) Payment of actual medical expenses, including hospital, testing, nursing, midwifery, pharmaceutical, travel, or other similar expenses, incurred by the gestational carrier for prenatal care and those medical and hospital expenses incurred incident to birth.

(b) Payment of actual expenses incurred for mental health counseling services provided to the gestational carrier prior to the birth and up to six months after birth.

(c) Payment of actual lost wages of the gestational carrier, not covered under a disability insurance policy, when bed rest has been prescribed for the gestational carrier for some maternal or fetal complication of pregnancy and the gestational carrier, who is employed, is unable to work during the prescribed period of bed rest.

(d) Payment of actual travel costs related to the pregnancy and delivery, court costs, and attorney fees incurred by the gestational carrier.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter into, induce, arrange, procure, knowingly advertise for, or otherwise assist in an agreement for genetic gestational carrier, with or without compensation, whether written or unwritten. For purposes of this section, "genetic gestational carrier" and "compensation" shall have the same meaning as defined in R.S. 9:2718.1.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to give or offer payment of money, objects, services, or anything of monetary value to induce any gestational carrier, whether or not she is party to an enforceable or unenforceable agreement for genetic gestational carrier or gestational carrier contract, to consent to an abortion as defined in R.S. 40:1061.9.

C. A person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty thousand dollars or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than ten years, or both.

Added by Acts 1976, No. 253, §1; Acts 1984, No. 209, §1; Acts 1986, No. 262, §1; Acts 1987, No. 556, §1; Acts 1999, No. 1062, §1; Acts 2016, No. 494, §3; Acts 2018, No. 562, §2.