

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 953

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:107.2(A) and to enact R.S. 14:107.2(E), relative to hate
3 crimes; to provide for the elements of the crime; to provide for definitions; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:107.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:107.2(E)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §107.2. Hate crimes

9 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to select the victim of the following
10 offenses against person and property because of actual or perceived race, age,
11 gender, religion, color, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or
12 ancestry of that person or the owner or occupant of that property or because of actual
13 or perceived membership or service in, or employment with, an organization, or
14 because of actual or perceived employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter,
15 or emergency medical services personnel: first or second degree murder;
16 manslaughter; battery; aggravated battery; second degree battery; aggravated assault
17 with a firearm; terrorizing; mingling harmful substances; simple or third degree rape,
18 forcible or second degree rape, or aggravated or first degree rape; sexual battery,
19 second degree sexual battery; oral sexual battery; carnal knowledge of a juvenile;
20 indecent behavior with juveniles; molestation of a juvenile or a person with a
21 physical or mental disability; simple, second degree, or aggravated kidnapping;
22 simple or aggravated arson; communicating of false information of planned arson;
23 simple or aggravated criminal damage to property; contamination of water supplies;
24 simple or aggravated burglary; criminal trespass; simple, first degree, or armed

1 robbery; purse snatching; extortion; theft; desecration of graves; institutional
2 vandalism; or assault by drive-by shooting.

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4 E. As used in this Section:

5 (1) "Emergency medical services personnel" shall have the same meaning
6 ascribed to it by R.S. 40:1075.3.

7 (2) "Firefighter" means any firefighter regularly employed by a fire
8 department of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the state of
9 Louisiana.

10 (3) "Law enforcement officer" means any active or retired city, parish, or
11 state law enforcement officer, peace officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, probation or
12 parole officer, marshal, deputy, wildlife enforcement agent, state correctional officer,
13 or commissioned agent of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, as well
14 as any federal law enforcement officer or employee, whose permanent duties include
15 making arrests, performing search and seizures, execution of criminal arrest
16 warrants, execution of civil seizure warrants, any civil functions performed by
17 sheriffs or deputy sheriffs, enforcement of penal or traffic laws, or the care, custody,
18 control, or supervision of inmates.

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