

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 304

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME/RACKETEERING: Expands definition of "racketeering activity" to include armed robbery and armed robbery or attempted armed robbery committed with a firearm

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:1352(A)(64) and (65), relative to racketeering activity; to add offenses  
3 relative to armed robbery to the definition of "racketeering activity"; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:1352(A)(64) and (65) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1352. Definitions

8 A. As used in this Chapter, "racketeering activity" means committing,  
9 attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or soliciting, coercing, or intimidating  
10 another person to commit any crime that is punishable under the following  
11 provisions of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Uniform  
12 Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or the Louisiana Securities Law:

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14 (64) R.S. 14:64 (Armed robbery)

15 (65) R.S. 14:64.3 (Armed robbery; attempted armed robbery; use of firearm;  
16 additional penalty)

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**DIGEST**

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HB 304 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds armed robbery and armed robbery committed with a firearm to the list of offenses which constitute racketeering activity.

Present law (R.S. 14:64) provides for the offense of armed robbery which is the taking of anything of value belonging to another from the person of another, by use of force or intimidation, while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Present law (R.S. 14:64.3) provides for an additional offense when the crime of armed robbery, or attempted armed robbery, is committed with a firearm.

Present law (R.S. 15:1352) defines "racketeering activity" by enumerating various crimes which can be prosecuted as a pattern of racketeering activity if at least two incidents of the crimes occur.

Present law (R.S. 15:1354 and 1356) provides for increased criminal penalties for convictions of racketeering and also provides for seizure of the property used in or derived from the racketeering activity.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the present law crimes of armed robbery (R.S. 14:64) and armed robbery or attempted armed robbery committed with a firearm (R.S. 14:64.3) to the list of offenses included in the definition of "racketeering activity".

(Adds R.S. 15:1352(A)(64) and (65))