

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

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

CRIME: Provides relative to penalties and responsive verdicts for negligent homicide

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:32(C)(1), (2)(a), and (3), relative to negligent homicide; to  
3 provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:32(C)(1), (2)(a), and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
6 read as follows:

7 §32. Negligent homicide

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9 C.(1) Except as provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whoever  
10 commits the crime of negligent homicide shall be imprisoned with or without hard  
11 labor for not more than ~~five~~ twenty years, fined not more than five thousand dollars,  
12 or both.

13 (2)(a) If the victim killed was under the age of ten years, the offender shall  
14 be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of  
15 sentence, for not less than two nor more than ~~five~~ twenty years.

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17 (3) If the victim was killed by a dog or other animal, the owner of the dog  
18 or other animal shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than ~~five~~  
19 twenty years or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 96 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to penalties for negligent homicide.

Present law (R.S. 14:32) provides for the crime of negligent homicide.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 14:32(C)(1)) provides that whoever commits the crime of negligent homicide shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, fined not more than \$5,000, or both.

Proposed law amends present law to change the maximum term of imprisonment from five years to 20 years.

Present law (R.S. 14:32(C)(2)(a)) provides that if the victim killed was under the age of 10 years, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, for not less than two nor more than five years.

Proposed law amends present law to change the maximum term of imprisonment from five years to 20 years.

Present law (R.S. 14:32(C)(3)) provides that if the victim was killed by a dog or other animal, the owner of the dog or other animal shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years or fined not more than \$5,000, or both.

Proposed law amends present law to change the maximum term of imprisonment from five years to 20 years.

(Amends R.S. 14:32(C)(1), (2)(a), and (3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove the proposed law definition of "firearm" from the present law list of definitions.
3. Remove proposed law provisions relative to the penalty for the killing of a human being that is proximately or caused directly by the discharge of a firearm.
4. Remove present law provisions relative to responsive verdicts.