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DIGEST

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SB No. 135

Present law defines law enforcement officer or firefighter as police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals, deputy marshals, correctional officers, constables, wildlife enforcement agents, state park wardens, firemen, and probation and parole officers.

Proposed law retains present law definition of law enforcement officer or firefighter and also includes livestock brand inspectors, forestry officers, attorneys general, assistant attorneys general, attorney general investigators, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and district attorney investigators.

Proposed law retains present law and defines the crime of false personation of a peace officer as the performance of any one or more of the following acts with the intent to injure or defraud or to obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage:

- (1) Impersonating any peace officer or assuming, without authority, any uniform or badge by which a peace officer is lawfully distinguished.
- (2) Performing any act purporting to be official in such assumed character.
- (3) Making, altering, possession, or use of a false document or document containing false statements purporting to be certification of completed certain training programs and certification requirements necessary to exercise his authority as a peace officer.

Proposed law adds, as a fourth element, the equipping of any motor vehicle with lights or sirens which simulate a law enforcement vehicle.

Proposed law also defines badge as a device or emblem, regardless of the material of which it is made, worn as an insignia of rank, office, or membership in a law enforcement organization, including but not limited to those that bear the Seal of the State of Louisiana.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 14:112.2(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill.

1. Adds livestock brand inspectors and forestry officers to the definition of law enforcement officer or firefighter.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds the equipping of any motor vehicle with lights or sirens which simulate a law enforcement vehicle as an element of the crime.