Morrell (SB 381) Act No. 882

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New law provides penalties for crime against nature by solicitation:

- (1) On first offense, be fined not more than \$500 dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.
- (2) On a second or subsequent conviction thereof, be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.
- (3) When the person being solicited is under the age of 17 years, be fined not more than \$2,000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both. Lack of knowledge of the age of the person being solicited shall not be a defense.
- (4) A violation of the provisions of Paragraphs (2) and (3) above shall be considered a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 and the offender shall be required to register as a sex offender.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 14:89(A); adds R.S. 14:89.2)