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## DIGEST

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HB No. 65

**Abstract:** Increases criminal penalties for home invasion when a person committing the home invasion is armed with a dangerous weapon.

Present law provides for the crime of home invasion and provides penalties for the offense as follows:

- (1) A fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment at hard labor for not less than five nor more than 20 years. At least five years of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.
- (2) When the home invasion is committed in the presence of a child under 12, a person 65 years or older, or a developmentally disabled person, the penalties shall be a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than 10 nor more than 25 years, with at least 10 served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that whoever commits the crime of home invasion while armed with a dangerous weapon shall be fined not more than \$7,000 and shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than seven nor more than 20 years, with at least seven years of the sentence served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:62.8(B))