

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 495 By Representative Adams

May 28, 2014

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 495 by Representative Adams, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of amendments proposed by the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2014, be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 14 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

- "(1) R.S. 14:51, aggravated arson.
- (2) R.S. 14:52, simple arson."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Bryan Adams

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Erich E. Ponti

Senator David Heitmeier

Representative Karen Gaudet St. Germain

Senator Daniel "Danny" Martiny

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Provides relative to the authority to investigate and make arrests for certain crimes

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Made technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make technical corrections.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for specific offenses for which a fire marshal, the first assistant fire marshal, each deputy fire marshal, certified local authorities, and state or municipal arson investigators, while engaged in the performance of their duties, are authorized to investigate and make arrests.

Present law provides for the crime of simple arson.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the crime of simple arson of a religious building to the list of offenses.

(Amends R.S. 40:1563.1(A))