

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 787

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CRIME: Prohibits the intentional falsification of reports or records related to criminal investigations or complaints

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:134.2.1, relative to malfeasance in office; to prohibit the intentional  
3 falsification of reports or records related to the investigation of a complaint or  
4 criminal activity; to provide for definitions; to provide for criminal penalties; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:134.2.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §134.2.1. Malfeasance in office; falsifying reports and records

9 A. It shall be unlawful and constitute malfeasance in office for a law  
10 enforcement officer to intentionally falsify records or reports related to the  
11 investigation of a complaint or criminal activity including but not limited to any  
12 documents or reports establishing probable cause to search or arrest an individual.

13 B. For purposes of this Section, "law enforcement officer" shall include  
14 commissioned state and municipal police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals,  
15 deputy marshals, correctional officers, constables, wildlife enforcement agents, and  
16 probation and parole officers.

17 C. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than ten thousand  
18 dollars, imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than three years, or  
19 both.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 787 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the intentional falsification of reports or records related to the investigation of a complaint or criminal activity and provides criminal penalties for violations of the prohibition.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful and constitute malfeasance in office for a law enforcement officer to intentionally falsify records or reports related to the investigation of a complaint or criminal activity including but not limited to any documents or reports establishing probable cause to search or arrest an individual.

Proposed law provides criminal penalties for violations of proposed law which include a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not more than three years, or both.

Proposed law defines "law enforcement officer" as including commissioned state and municipal police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals, deputy marshals, correctional officers, constables, wildlife enforcement agents, and probation and parole officers.

(Adds R.S. 14:134.2.1)