

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 637 (HB 446)

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New law requires the following:

- (1) Any person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person has suffered serious bodily injury shall, to the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others, give reasonable assistance to the injured person.
- (2) Any person who engages in reckless behavior that results in the serious bodily injury of any person shall, to the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others, give reasonable assistance to the injured person.

New law provides that reasonable assistance includes immediately seeking or reporting the need for medical assistance from an appropriate authority which is defined by new law to include any state or local law enforcement agency, a 911 Public Safety Answering Point, and emergency medical personnel.

New law provides that any person who fails to immediately seek or report the need for assistance pursuant to the provisions of new law shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (1) A fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for up to one year, or both.
- (2) If the serious bodily injury results in the death of the person, a fine of up to \$2,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for up to five years, or both.

New law provides for definitions of "reckless behavior" and "serious bodily injury".

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 14:502)