

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

CRIME/BATTERY: Provides relative to battery of a police officer

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:34.2(A)(4), (B)(4), (D), and (E), relative to battery of a police officer; to  
3 provide that intentionally directing sound at a police officer in close proximity under  
4 circumstances capable of causing pain or hearing injury constitutes force or violence;  
5 to provide for definitions; to provide an enhanced penalty when two or more persons  
6 act in concert; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:34.2(A)(4), (B)(4), (D), and (E) are hereby enacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §34.2. Battery of a police officer

11 A.

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13 (4)(a) For purposes of this Section, "battery of a police officer" also includes  
14 the intentional directing of sound at a police officer, in close proximity to the  
15 officer's ear or head, under circumstances in which the sound is capable of causing  
16 physical pain, hearing impairment, or bodily injury, and in a manner such that a  
17 reasonable person would foresee that the conduct would cause physical pain, hearing  
18 impairment, or bodily injury.

1           (b) This Paragraph includes, but is not limited to, the use of a bullhorn,  
2           megaphone, air horn, siren, whistle, amplified speaker, or other acoustic device to  
3           direct sound at the officer as described in this Paragraph.

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5           B.

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7           (4)(a) If the battery of a police officer is committed by two or more persons  
8           acting together or in concert, each having the intent to participate in the commission  
9           of the offense, the offender shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars and  
10           imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five  
11           years. At least thirty days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit  
12           of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

13           (b) If the offense described in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph produces  
14           an injury that requires medical attention, the offender shall be fined not more than  
15           five thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less  
16           than two years nor more than seven years. At least sixty days of the sentence  
17           imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of  
18           sentence.

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20           D. For purposes of this Section, the following words have the following  
21           meanings:

22           (1) "Close proximity" means within three feet of the police officer's ear or  
23           head, or otherwise positioned so as to direct sound primarily at the officer's ear or  
24           head at similarly close range.

25           (2) "Directing of sound" means aiming or positioning an acoustic device, or  
26           otherwise intentionally generating sound, so that the sound is focused at or  
27           concentrated upon the police officer's ear or head.

28           E. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit activity protected  
29           by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds "close proximity" and "directing of sound" to the definition of battery of a police officer and provides an enhanced penalty when battery of a police officer is committed by more than one person.

Present law provides for the crime and penalty of battery of a police officer.

Proposed law adds to the definition of "battery of a police officer" the "directing of sound" when the sound is capable of causing physical pain, hearing impairment, or bodily injury. Proposed law also defines "close proximity".

Proposed law provides that when battery of a police officer is committed by two or more persons acting together, the offender shall be fined up to \$2,000 and imprisoned at hard labor from one to five years.

Proposed law provides that when battery of a police officer is committed by two or more persons acting together and it causes injury requiring medical attention, the offender shall be fined up to \$5,000 and imprisoned at hard labor from two to seven years.

(Adds R.S. 14:34.2(A)(4), (B)(4), (D), and (E))