

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

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

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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.

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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))