
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases penalties and adds a restitution clause to the crimes of desecration of graves (R.S. 14:101) and institutional vandalism (R.S. 14:225).

Present law provides a penalty of not more than a \$500 fine and up to six months imprisonment for desecration of graves.

Proposed law increases the fine for desecration of graves from not more than \$500 to not more than \$1,000 and requires the offender to make restitution for damages.

Present law provides the following penalties for institutional vandalism:

- (1) When damage is less than \$500, a fine of up to \$500 or up to six months imprisonment, or both.
- (2) When damage is more than \$500 but less than \$50,000, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment with or without hard labor not more than two years.

Proposed law increases the fine for damage less than \$500 from \$500 to \$1,000.

Proposed law increases the fine for damage between \$500 and \$50,000 from not more than \$1,000 to not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000.

Proposed law requires the offender to make restitution when institutional vandalism is committed against a religious building.

(Amends R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 14:225(D))