

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 156

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CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Increases the maximum period of imprisonment for negligent homicide. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:32(C)(1) and (2), relative to negligent homicide; to provide
3 relative to penalties; to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for negligent
4 homicide under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:32(C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §32. Negligent homicide

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10 C.(1) Except as provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whoever
11 commits the crime of negligent homicide shall be ~~imprisoned with or without hard~~
12 ~~labor for not more than ten years~~, fined not more than five thousand dollars, **or**
13 **imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen years**, or both.

14 (2)(a) If the victim ~~killed~~ was under the age of ten years, the offender shall
15 be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of
16 sentence, for not less than two **years** nor more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** years.

17 (b) **If the offender was over seventeen years of age and the victim was**

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(Amends 14:32(C)(1) and (2))