

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

CRIME: Provides relative to using a vehicle to obstruct first responders and law enforcement

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:100.1(C) and to enact R.S. 14:100.1(D), relative to  
3 obstructing public passages; to provide penalties when committed with a motorized  
4 vehicle; to provide relative to first responders and law enforcement; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:100.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:100.1(D)  
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §100.1. Obstructing public passages

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11 C.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section using a motorized  
12 vehicle with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a first responder  
13 as defined in R.S. 40:1372 when the first responder is acting in the course and scope  
14 of his duty shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more  
15 than six months, or both.

16 (2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section using a motorized vehicle  
17 with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a law enforcement  
18 officer when the officer is in pursuit or is engaged in making an arrest shall be fined  
19 one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than two years with or without hard  
20 labor, or both.

1           ~~€. D.~~ This Section ~~shall not be applicable~~ does not apply to the erection or  
2           construction of any barricades or other forms of obstructions as a safety measure in  
3           connection with construction, excavation, maintenance, repair, replacement, or other  
4           work in or adjacent to any public sidewalk, street, highway, bridge, alley, road, or  
5           other passageway, nor to the placing of barricades or other forms of obstruction by  
6           governmental authorities, or any officer or agent thereof, in the proper performance  
7           of duties.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides penalties for obstructing a public passage using a motorized vehicle with intent to obstruct a first responder or law enforcement officer.

Present law provides for the crime of obstructing public passages and provides for a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that when the obstruction is committed with a motorized vehicle and with the intent to obstruct a first responder, the offender shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law provides that when the obstruction is committed with a motorized vehicle and with the intent to obstruct a law enforcement officer who is in pursuit or making an arrest, the offender shall be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than two years with or without hard labor, or both.

(Amends R.S. 14:100.1(C); Adds R.S. 14:100.1(D))