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Abstract: Provides relative to criminal blighting of property and adds other responsible persons who may be subject to prosecution.

Present law provides for the crime of criminal blighting of property.

Proposed law generally retains present law.

Present law provides that criminal blighting of property is the intentional or criminally negligent permitting of the existence of a condition of deterioration of property by the owner, which is deemed to have occurred when the property has been declared or certified as blighted after an administrative hearing pursuant to present law (R.S. 13:2575 or 2576).

Proposed law amends present law to include a representative or agent of the property owner or anyone with custody, control, or ownership of the property as individuals who may be subject to prosecution for criminal blighting.

(Amends R.S. 14:107.3(B))