

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

GAMBLING: Adds certain gambling crimes as predicate offenses for racketeering

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:1352(A)(89) through (95), relative to gambling crimes; to add certain
3 gambling crimes as predicate offenses for racketeering activity; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:1352(A)(89) through (95) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1352. Definitions

8 A. As used in this Chapter, "racketeering activity" means committing,
9 attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or soliciting, coercing, or intimidating
10 another person to commit any crime that is punishable under the following
11 provisions of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Uniform
12 Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, or the Louisiana Securities Law:

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14 (89) R.S. 14:90 (Gambling)

15 (90) R.S. 14:90.2 (Gambling in public)

16 (91) R.S. 14:90.3 (Gambling by computer)

17 (92) R.S. 14:90.6 (Gambling or wagering at cockfights)

18 (93) R.S. 14:90.7 (Gambling by electronic sweepstakes device)

19 (94) R.S. 14:90.8 (Unlawful wagering; prohibited player)

20 (95) R.S. 14:118.1 (Bribery of sports participants)

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1 Section 2. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to
2 renumber the new entries to ensure that the crimes are listed in alphabetical order.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds certain gambling-related crimes as predicate crimes for racketeering.

Present law provides a list of crimes that constitute racketeering.

Proposed law retains present law and adds crimes related to gambling.

(Adds R.S. 15:1352(A)(89)-(95))