

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

CRIME/BATTERY: Provides relative to battery

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:33, relative to battery; to provide that intentionally directing
3 sound at a person in close proximity under circumstances capable of causing pain or
4 hearing injury constitutes battery; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:33 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §33. Battery defined

9 Battery is the intentional use of force or violence upon the person of another;
10 or the intentional administration of a poison or other noxious liquid or substance to
11 another; or the intentional directing of sound at another, in close proximity to
12 another's ear or head, under circumstances in which the sound is capable of causing
13 physical pain, hearing impairment, or bodily injury, and in such a manner that a
14 reasonable person would foresee that the conduct would cause physical pain, hearing
15 impairment, or bodily injury.

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DIGEST

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HB 132 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Adds to the definition of battery regarding the intentional directing of sound.

Present law provides for the crime and penalty of battery.

Proposed law adds to the definition of "battery" the "directing of sound" when the sound is capable of causing physical pain, hearing impairment, or bodily injury.

(Amends R.S. 14:33)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Move the language regarding the intentional directing of sound from R.S. 14:34.2 (Battery of a police officer) to R.S. 14:33 (Battery defined).
2. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law provisions under present law R.S. 14:34.2 (Battery of a police officer).
2. Make technical changes.