

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 265

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CRIME: Provides relative to conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides an exception to the crime of video voyeurism relative to a lawful funeral service, memorial service, graveside service, or other end-of-life ceremony that is conducted by or with the consent of the decedent's next of kin or authorized representative.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the crime of video voyeurism and provides for penalties.

Proposed law retains present law and adds, as conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism, the use of certain image or recording devices or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with certain image or recording devices for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping the body of a deceased person.

Present law provides for exceptions.

Proposed law retains present law and provides exceptions to the crime of video voyeurism for the following:

- (1) Any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.
- (2) Any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website, video, report, or event.
- (3) A lawful funeral service, memorial service, graveside service, or other end-of-life ceremony that is conducted by or with the consent of the decedent's next of kin or authorized representative.

Present law provides that a violation of present law requires that the offender register as a sex offender.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that sex offender registration applies to certain violations of present law and makes a corresponding cross-reference change in present law (R.S. 15:541(24)(a)).

Proposed law shall be cited and referred to as the "Jacob Carter Dignity in Death Act".

(Amends R.S. 14:283(C) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a); Adds R.S. 14:283(A)(4), (D), and (E); Repeals R.S. 14:283(F)-(H))