

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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CRIME/THEFT: Adds theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure as a predicate crime for terrorism.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the crimes of unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure (R.S. 14:61) and theft of critical infrastructure (R.S. 14:67.24).

Present law (R.S. 14:67.24) provides penalties for theft of critical infrastructure as follows:

- (1) When the value of the stolen property is less than \$25,000, a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than 15 years, or both.
- (2) When the value of the stolen property is \$25,000 or more, a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.
- (3) When it is foreseeable that human life will be threatened as a result of the theft, a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.

Proposed law revises the penalty provisions so that all convictions for theft of critical infrastructure carry a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.

Proposed law provides that flying drones over critical infrastructure or hacking electronics of critical infrastructure constitutes unauthorized entry.

Present law provides for crimes that, when committed with the intent to intimidate or coerce the civilian population or influence a government entity by intimidation or coercion, qualify as terrorism.

Proposed law adds oil and natural gas drilling operations and equipment to the definition of critical infrastructure.

Proposed law adds unauthorized entry of critical infrastructure and theft of critical infrastructure as crimes that, with the requisite intent, qualify as terrorism.

Proposed law requires any person who commits terrorism by theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure to be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five years nor more than 20 years.

(Amends R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(intro. para.) and 67.24(C); Adds R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and (B)(1)(c) and 128.1(A)(6) and (B)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Provide that flying a drone over critical infrastructure or hacking electronics of critical infrastructure constitutes unauthorized entry.
- 2. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the engrossed bill

1. Add a minimum sentence of five years imprisonment for terrorism by theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure.