

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

CRIME: Provides relative to using a vehicle to obstruct first responders

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:100.1(C) and to enact R.S. 14:100.1(D), relative to  
3 obstructing public passages; to provide penalties when committed with a motorized  
4 vehicle; to provide relative to first responders; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:100.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:100.1(D)  
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §100.1. Obstructing public passages

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10 C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section using a motorized vehicle  
11 with the intent to hinder, delay, hamper, obstruct, or impede a first responder as  
12 defined in R.S. 40:1372 when the first responder is acting in the course and scope of  
13 his duty shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more  
14 than six months, or both.

15 ~~C. D.~~ This Section ~~shall not be applicable~~ does not apply to the erection or  
16 construction of any barricades or other forms of obstructions as a safety measure in  
17 connection with construction, excavation, maintenance, repair, replacement, or other  
18 work in or adjacent to any public sidewalk, street, highway, bridge, alley, road, or  
19 other passageway, nor to the placing of barricades or other forms of obstruction by  
20 governmental authorities, or any officer or agent thereof, in the proper performance  
21 of duties.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 378 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides penalties for obstructing a public passage using a motorized vehicle with intent to obstruct a first responder.

Present law provides for the crime of obstructing public passages and provides for a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that when the obstruction is committed with a motorized vehicle and with the intent to obstruct a first responder, the offender shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(Amends R.S. 14:100.1(C); Adds R.S. 14:100.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove provisions related to obstructing law enforcement officers.