

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 429

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and
3 (1)(a)(iii) and 67.24(C) and to enact R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and (B)(1)(a)(viii) and
4 (1)(c) and 128.1(A)(6) and (B)(6), relative to the unauthorized entry and theft of
5 critical infrastructure; to add public drinking water systems and sewer treatment
6 facilities as critical infrastructure; to add oil fields as critical infrastructure; to make
7 unauthorized entry and theft of oil fields predicate crimes for terrorism; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a)(iii)
11 and 67.24(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and
12 (B)(1)(a)(viii) and (1)(c) and 128.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §61. Unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure

14 A. Unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure is any of the following:

15 (1) The intentional entry by a person without authority into any structure or
16 onto any premises, belonging to another, that constitutes in whole or in part a critical
17 infrastructure that is completely enclosed or surrounded by any type of physical
18 barrier.

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1 (4) The intentional entry into a restricted area of a critical infrastructure
2 which is marked as a restricted or limited access area that is completely enclosed or
3 surrounded by any type of physical barrier when the person is not authorized to enter
4 that restricted or limited access area.

5 (5) The intentional operation of an unmanned aircraft system, as defined in
6 R.S. 14:337, without prior express authority, within or over critical infrastructure that
7 is completely enclosed or surrounded by any type of physical barrier, or within or
8 over a restricted area of a critical infrastructure which is marked as a restricted or
9 limited access area, when the person is not authorized to operate within or over that
10 area.

11 (6) The intentional and malicious use of any electronic, digital, or
12 technological means, without authority, to access, control, disrupt, disable,
13 manipulate, or materially interfere with any camera system, computer, computer
14 system, computer network, industrial control system, operational technology system,
15 or other electronically controlled equipment used to operate, monitor, secure, or
16 control a critical infrastructure.

17 B. For the purposes of this Section, the following words ~~shall~~ have the
18 following meanings:

19 (1)(a) "Critical infrastructure" means any and all structures, sites, equipment,
20 or other immovable or movable property located within or upon any of the
21 following:

22 * * *
23 (iii) Water intake structures and water and sewer treatment facilities.

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25 (viii) Public drinking water systems including water storage structures, pump
26 stations, treatment facilities, and transmission lines.

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28 (c) "Critical infrastructure" includes oil and natural gas facilities and
29 operations, including but not limited to equipment and products used in drilling,
30 stimulation, completion, waste disposal, production, transportation, refining,

1 processing, storage, delivery, and transmission operations, private and public roads
2 and storage yards primarily used in such operations, and equipment that travels
3 between locations in the course and scope of such operations.

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5 §67.24. Theft of critical infrastructure

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7 ~~C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure when the~~
8 ~~misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of less than~~
9 ~~twenty-five thousand dollars shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or~~
10 ~~imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen years, or both.~~

11 (2) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure when the
12 misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of twenty-five
13 thousand dollars or more shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or
14 imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty years, or both.

15 (3) ~~Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure wherein it~~
16 ~~is foreseeable that human life will be threatened as a result of the theft shall be fined~~
17 ~~not more than fifty thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than~~
18 ~~twenty years, or both.~~

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20 §128.1. Terrorism

21 A. Terrorism is the commission of any of the acts enumerated in this
22 Subsection, when the offender has the intent to intimidate or coerce the civilian
23 population, influence the policy of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion,
24 or affect the conduct of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion:

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26 (6) Theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure.

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