

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 542 (HB 330)

2026 Regular Session

Bayham

Prior law (R.S. 14:101) provided a penalty of not more than a \$500 fine and up to six months imprisonment for desecration of graves.

New law increases the fine for desecration of graves from not more than \$500 to not more than \$1,000 and requires the offender to make restitution for damages.

Prior law (R.S. 14:225) provided the following penalties for institutional vandalism:

- (1) When damage is less than \$500, a fine of up to \$500 or up to six months imprisonment, or both.
- (2) When damage is between \$500 and \$50,000, a fine of not more than \$1,000.

When damage is between \$500 and \$50,000, existing law provides a penalty of imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years that may be imposed in addition to the monetary penalty.

New law increases the fine for damage less than \$500 from \$500 to \$1,000.

New law increases the fine for damage between \$500 and \$50,000 from not more than \$1,000 to not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000.

New law requires the offender to make restitution when institutional vandalism is committed against a religious building.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 14:225(D))