

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the crime of disturbing the peace and provides for elements and penalties for this offense.

New law adds the interruption of any worship service or religious ceremony at a church or other place of worship by means of certain conduct as a circumstance that constitutes disturbing the peace.

New law requires a person who commits the crime of disturbing the peace as provided in new law to be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Further provides that 30 days of the sentence imposed be served without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

New law provides additional penalties for a violation of new law as follows:

- (1) If the offender commits a simple battery, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years.
- (2) If the offender commits simple criminal damage to property, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than two years.
- (3) If the offender is armed with a dangerous weapon, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years.

Existing law provides for certain definitions.

New law defines the terms "church or other place of worship" and "religious organization".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:103(C); Adds R.S. 14:103(A)(9) and (B)(3))