

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that any prosecution in a city, parish, or municipal court based on the operation of a vehicle by a person while intoxicated may be charged and prosecuted under existing law (R.S. 14:98), or any city, parish, or municipal law that incorporates the same elements and sentences.

Existing law provides for additional fines for certain crimes when the use of alcohol is a factor involved in the commission of the crime and authorizes certain certificates or writing as admissible evidence in all criminal cases when intoxications is an issue.

Existing law provides for the responsive verdicts which may be made for certain offenses, including but not limited to vehicular negligent injuring and first degree vehicular negligent injuring.

New law changes the responsive verdicts for vehicular negligent injuring and first degree vehicular negligent injuring from "Guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated" to "Guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated or impaired".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:1894.1(A) and (B) and 1894.2(A)(intro. para.), R.S. 32:662.1, and C.Cr.P. 814(A)(9) and (10))