

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the crime of video voyeurism and provides for penalties.

New law adds, as conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism, the use of certain image or recording devices or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with certain image or recording devices for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping the body of a deceased person.

Existing law provides for exceptions.

New law provides exceptions to the crime of video voyeurism for the following:

- (1) Any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.
- (2) A lawful funeral service, memorial service, graveside service, or other end-of-life ceremony that is conducted by or with the consent of the decedent's next of kin or authorized representative.

Existing law provides that a violation of existing law requires that the offender register as a sex offender.

New law provides that sex offender registration applies to certain violations of existing law and makes a corresponding cross-reference change in existing law (R.S. 15:541(24)(a)).

New law is cited and referred to as the "Jacob Carter Dignity in Death Act".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:283(C) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a); Adds R.S. 14:283(A)(4), (D), and (E); Repeals R.S. 14:283(F)-(H))