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HOUSE BILL NO. 279

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME: Amends the definition of the crime of racketeering

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1352(A), relative to the definition of racketeering activity; |
| 3 | to add enumerated crimes to the definition of "racketeering activity"; and to provide |
| 4 | for related matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. R.S. 15:1352(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: |
| 7 | §1352. Definitions |
| 8 | As used in this Chapter: |
| 9 | A. "Racketeering activity" means committing, attempting to commit, |
| 10 | conspiring to commit, or soliciting, coercing, or intimidating another person to |
| 11 | commit any crime which is punishable under the following provisions of Title 14 of |
| 12 | the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Uniform Controlled Dangerous |
| 13 | Substances Law, or the Louisiana Securities Law: |
| 14 | (1) R.S. 14:28.1 (Solicitation for murder) |
| 15 | (2) R.S. 14:30 (First degree murder) |
| 16 | (3) R.S. 14:30.1 (Second degree murder) |
| 17 | (4) R.S. 14:37.1 (Assault by drive-by shooting) |
| 18 | (5) R.S. 14:44 (Aggravated kidnapping) |
| 19 | (6) R.S. 14:44.1 (Second degree kidnapping) |
| 20 | (7) R.S. 14:51 (Aggravated arson) |
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| 1 | (8) R.S. 14:64.2 (Carjacking) |
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| 2 | (9) R.S. 14:66 (Extortion) |
| 3 | (10) R.S. 14:67 (<u>Theft</u>) |
| 4 | (11) R.S. 40:966(A) (Manufacture; distribution of Schedule I controlled |
| 5 | dangerous substances) |
| 6 | (12) R.S. 40:966(F)(1), (2), and (3) (Possession of large quantities of |
| 7 | marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids) |
| 8 | (13) R.S. 40:967(A) (Manufacture; distribution of Schedule II controlled |
| 9 | dangerous substances) |
| 10 | (14) R.S. 40:968(A) (Manufacture; distribution of Schedule III controlled |
| 11 | dangerous substances) |
| 12 | (15) R.S. 40:969(A) (Manufacture; distribution of Schedule IV controlled |
| 13 | dangerous substances) |
| 14 | (16) R.S. 14:84 (Pandering) |
| 15 | (17) R.S. 14:230 (Money laundering) |
| 16 | (18) R.S. 14:67.16 (Identity theft) |
| 17 | (19) R.S. 51:712 (Unlawful practices regarding securities) |
| 18 | (20) R.S. 14:45 (Simple kidnapping) |
| 19 | (21) R.S. 14:52 (Simple arson) |
| 20 | (22) R.S. 14:60 (Aggravated burglary) |
| 21 | (23) R.S. 14:62 (Simple burglary) |
| 22 | (24) R.S. 14:62.1 (Simple burglary of a pharmacy) |
| 23 | (25) R.S. 14:62.2 (Simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling) |
| 24 | (26) R.S. 14:62.3 (Unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling) |
| 25 | (27) R.S. 14:64.1 (First degree robbery) |
| 26 | (28) R.S. 14:64.4 (Second degree robbery) |
| 27 | (29) R.S. 14:65 (Simple robbery) |
| 28 | (30) R.S. 14:118 (Public bribery) |
| 29 | (31) R.S. 14:120 (Corrupt influencing) |
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| 1 | (32) R.S. 14:122 (Public intimidation and retaliation) |
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| 2 | (33) R.S. 14:122.2 (Threatening a public official) |
| 3 | (34) R.S. 14:128.1 (Terrorism) |
| 4 | (35) R.S. 14:128.2 (Aiding others in terrorism) |
| 5 | (36) R.S. 14:129.1 (Intimidating, impeding, or injuring witnesses) |
| 6 | (37) R.S. 14:132 (Injuring public records) |
| 7 | (38) R.S. 14:133 (Failing or maintaining false public records) |
| 8 | (39) R.S. 14:134.3 (Abuse of office) |
| 9 | (40) R.S. 14:135 (Public salary deduction) |
| 10 | (41) R.S. 14:136 (Public salary extortion) |
| 11 | (42) R.S. 14:138 (Public payroll fraud) |
| 12 | (43) R.S. 14:140 (Public contract fraud) |
| 13 | (44) R.S. 14:141 (Prohibited splitting of profits) |
| 14 | (45) R.S. 14:43.4 (Female genital mutilation) |
| 15 | (46) R.S. 14:44.2 (Aggravated kidnapping of a child) |
| 16 | (47) R.S. 14:46.2 (Human trafficking) |
| 17 | (48) R.S. 14:46.3 (Trafficking of children for sexual purposes) |
| 18 | (49) R.S. 14:76 (Bigamy) |
| 19 | (50) R.S. 14:77 (Abetting in bigamy) |
| 20 | (51) R.S. 14:286 (Selling of minor children) |
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Abstract: Adds enumerated crimes to the list of offenses which constitute "racketeering activity".

<u>Present law</u> defines "racketeering activity" by enumerating various crimes which can be prosecuted as a pattern of racketeering activity if at least two incidents of the crimes occur.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

<u>Present law</u> provides for increased criminal penalties for convictions of racketeering and also provides for the seizure of property used in or derived from the racketeering activity.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the following to the definition of racketeering activity: female genital mutilation, aggravated kidnapping of a child, human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, bigamy, abetting in bigamy, and the sale of minor children.

(Amends R.S. 15:1352(A))