

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 7

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CRIME: Creates the crime of communication interference

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Proposed law creates the crime of communication interference and defines it as the willful or malicious interference with any communication operated or controlled by the state; used or intended to be used by the military or civil defense functions; or controlled by any legal entity created for the purpose of or engaged in generating, transmitting, providing, and distributing utilities or utility services to the public.

Proposed law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than ten years, or both, for a first offense. For a second or subsequent offense, provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than fifteen years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:73.11)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Adds an exception to the crime for certain entities regulated by the federal government or federal agencies and for certain entities regulated by the La. Public Service Commission or the city council of New Orleans.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Requires the term of imprisonment to be served with or without hard labor.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill

1. Removes exceptions.
2. Makes technical changes.