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HOUSE BILL NO. 58

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CRIME: Provides relative to simple burglary

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:62(A) and to enact R.S. 14:62(C), relative to the offense of
3 simple burglary; to provide for elements of simple burglary; to provide for liability;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:62(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:62(C) is
7 hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §62. Simple burglary

9 A. Simple burglary is either of the following:

10 (1) ~~the~~ The unauthorized entering of any dwelling, vehicle, watercraft, or
11 other structure, movable or immovable, or any cemetery, with the intent to commit
12 a felony or any theft therein, other than as set forth in R.S. 14:60.

13 (2) The unauthorized entering of any dwelling or other structure with the
14 intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the owner, lessee, or tenant of full use
15 of the dwelling or structure, or to temporarily or permanently assert any right of
16 ownership or use of such property.

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- 1 C. In addition to the penalties provided in Subsection B of this Section, an
2 offender shall be liable for any damage that has resulted from a violation of
3 Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section.
4 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be cited and referred to as "The Louisiana
5 Squatter Prevention Act.
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DIGEST

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HB 58 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the elements and penalties of simple burglary.

Present law provides for the offense of simple burglary and provides for elements of the offense as well as penalties.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that an alternative element of simple burglary is the unauthorized entering of any dwelling or other structure with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the owner, lessee, or tenant of full use of the dwelling or structure, or to temporarily or permanently assert any right of ownership or use of such property.

Proposed law provides that in addition to the penalties provided in present law, an offender shall be liable for any damage that has resulted from a violation of proposed law.

Proposed law shall be cited and referred to as "The Louisiana Squatter Prevention Act".

(Amends R.S. 14:62(A); Adds R.S. 14:62(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseThe House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Establish liability for a person who violates proposed law and causes damage as a result of such violation.
3. Designate proposed law as "The La. Squatter Prevention Act".