

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

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

CRIME/PROSTITUTION: Provides relative to the crime of soliciting for prostitutes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a), relative to offenses
3 concerning prostitution; to provide relative to the crime of solicitation of prostitution;
4 to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; to provide with respect to sex
5 offender registration and notification requirements; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §83. Soliciting for prostitutes

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11 B.(1)

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13 (b) Whoever commits a second or subsequent offense for the crime of
14 soliciting for prostitutes shall be fined not less than one thousand five hundred
15 dollars nor more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not more
16 than one year, or both, and one-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in
17 accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.

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19 Section 2. R.S. 15:541(24)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§541. Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter, the definitions of terms in this Section shall apply:

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(24)(a) "Sex offense" means deferred adjudication, adjudication withheld, or conviction for the perpetration or attempted perpetration of or conspiracy to commit human trafficking when prosecuted under the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(B)(2), R.S. 14:46.3 (trafficking of children for sexual purposes), R.S. 14:89 (crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.1 (aggravated crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.2(B)(3) (crime against nature by solicitation), R.S. 14:80 (felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile), R.S. 14:81 (indecent behavior with juveniles), R.S. 14:81.1 (pornography involving juveniles), R.S. 14:81.2 (molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability), R.S. 14:81.3 (computer-aided solicitation of a minor), R.S. 14:81.4 (prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student), R.S. 14:82.1 (prostitution; persons under eighteen), R.S. 14:82.2(C)(4) and (5) (purchase of commercial sexual activity), a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:83(B)(1) (soliciting for prostitutes), R.S. 14:92(A)(7) (contributing to the delinquency of juveniles), R.S. 14:93.5 (sexual battery of persons with infirmities), R.S. 14:106(A)(5) (obscenity by solicitation of a person under the age of seventeen), R.S. 14:283 (video voyeurism), R.S. 14:41 (rape), R.S. 14:42 (aggravated or first degree rape), R.S. 14:42.1 (forcible or second degree rape), R.S. 14:43 (simple or third degree rape), R.S. 14:43.1 (sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.2 (second degree sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.3 (oral sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.5 (intentional exposure to HIV), a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:283.1 (voyeurism), or a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:89.3 (sexual abuse of an animal), committed on or after June 18, 1992, or committed prior to June 18, 1992, if the person, as a result of the offense, is under the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections on or after June 18, 1992. A conviction for any offense provided in this definition includes a conviction for the offense under the laws of another state, or

1 military, territorial, foreign, tribal, or federal law which is equivalent to an offense
2 provided for in this Chapter, unless the tribal court or foreign conviction was not
3 obtained with sufficient safeguards for fundamental fairness and due process for the
4 accused as provided by the federal guidelines adopted pursuant to the Adam Walsh
5 Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the penalty for a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes and adds this offense to the enumerated sex offenses for purposes of sex offender registration and notification requirements.

Present law (R.S. 14:83) provides for the offense of soliciting for prostitutes and provides for various penalties.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b)) provides that whoever commits a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes shall be fined not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Present law further provides that 1/2 of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:539.4).

Proposed law amends present law to provide that for a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes, the term of imprisonment shall be at hard labor.

Present law (R.S. 15:541) provides for definitions relative to sex offenders.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 15:541(24)(a)) defines the term "sex offense".

Proposed law amends present law to include a second or subsequent conviction of soliciting for prostitutes within the term "sex offense".

(Amends R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a))