

ACT No. 275

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:66(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6) and 87.6 and to enact R.S. 14:66(A)(7), relative to abortion; to provide relative to the crime of coerced abortion; to provide relative to the elements of coerced abortion; to provide for circumstances that constitute coerced abortion; to provide for penalties; to provide for conduct that constitutes extortion; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:66(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6) and 87.6 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:66(A)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§66. Extortion

A. Extortion is the communication of threats to another with the intention thereby to obtain anything of value or any acquittance, advantage, or immunity of any description. Any ~~one~~ of the following ~~kinds of~~ threats shall be sufficient to constitute extortion:

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(6) A threat intended to compel a pregnant woman to have an abortion as defined in R.S. 14:87.1.

(7) A threat to do any other harm.

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1 §87.6. Coerced abortion

2 A. Coerced abortion is committed when any person ~~intentionally~~ knowingly
3 engages in the use or threatened use of physical force, control, or intimidation
4 ~~against the person of a pregnant woman~~, with the intent to compel ~~the~~ a pregnant
5 woman to undergo an abortion against her will, whether or not the abortion
6 procedure has been attempted or completed. For purposes of this Section, physical
7 force, control, or intimidation shall mean any of the following:

8 (1) Battery as defined in R.S. 14:33.

9 (2) Assault as defined in R.S. 14:36.

10 (3) Simple kidnapping as defined in R.S. 14:45.

11 (4) False imprisonment as defined in R.S. 14:46.

12 (5) Extortion as defined in R.S. 14:66.

13 B. Whoever commits the crime of coerced abortion shall be fined not more
14 than five thousand dollars, ~~or~~ imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more
15 than five years, or both.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____