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DIGEST

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Present law relative to criminal blighting of property defines "public nuisance" as any garage, shed, barn, house, building, apartment, or structure, that by reason of the condition in which it is permitted to remain, may endanger the health, life, limb, or property of any person, or cause any hurt, harm, damages, injury or loss to any person because:

- (1) The property is dilapidated, decayed, unsafe, or unsanitary, is detrimental to health, morals, safety, public welfare, and the well-being of the community, endangers life or property, or is conducive to ill health, delinquency, and crime.
- (2) The property is a fire hazard.
- (3) The conditions on the property are not reasonably or adequately maintained, thereby causing deterioration and creating a blighting effect on nearby properties and depreciating the value, use, and enjoyment to such an extent that it is harmful to the public health, welfare, morals, safety, and the economic stability of the area, community, or neighborhood.

Proposed law removes detriment or harm to morals as criteria for declaring a property a public nuisance and otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:107.3(A)(3)(intro para) and (A)(3)(a) and (c))