

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

CRIME/BATTERY: Provides relative to battery of a police officer

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:33 and to enact R.S. 14:34.2(B)(4) and (D), relative to battery
3 of a police officer; to provide that intentionally directing sound at a person in close
4 proximity under circumstances capable of causing pain or hearing injury constitutes
5 battery; to provide for definitions; to provide an enhanced penalty when two or more
6 persons act in concert to commit battery of a police officer; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:33 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:34.2(B)(4) and
10 (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §33. Battery defined

12 Battery is the intentional use of force or violence upon the person of another;
13 or the intentional administration of a poison or other noxious liquid or substance to
14 another; or the intentional directing of sound at another, in close proximity to
15 another's ear or head, under circumstances in which the sound is capable of causing
16 physical pain, hearing impairment, or bodily injury, and in such a manner that a
17 reasonable person would foresee that the conduct would cause physical pain, hearing
18 impairment, or bodily injury.

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Proposed law provides that when battery of a police officer is committed by two or more persons acting together, the offender shall be fined up to \$2,000 and imprisoned at hard labor from one to five years.

Proposed law provides that when battery of a police officer is committed by two or more persons acting together and it causes injury requiring medical attention, the offender shall be fined up to \$5,000 and imprisoned at hard labor from two to seven years.

(Amends R.S. 14:33; Adds R.S. 14: 34.2(B)(4) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Move the language regarding the intentional directing of sound from R.S. 14:34.2 (Battery of a police officer) to R.S. 14:33 (Battery defined).
2. Make technical changes.