

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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CRIME: Provides relative to conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:283(C) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a), to enact R.S. 14:283(A)(4),
3 (D), and (E), and to repeal R.S. 14:283(F) through (H), relative to video voyeurism;
4 to provide for additional conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism; to
5 provide for exceptions; to provide for redesignation of certain citations; to provide
6 relative to sex offender registration; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:283(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:283(A)(4),
9 (D), and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §283. Video voyeurism; penalties

11 A. Video voyeurism is any of the following:

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13 (4) The use of any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any
14 other image recording device or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with any
15 camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any other image recording device
16 for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping the
17 body of a deceased person.

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1 C. ~~The provisions of this~~ This Section ~~shall~~ does not apply to any of the
2 following:

3 (1) Any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the
4 performance of his official duties.

5 (2) ~~the~~ The transference of such images by a telephone company, cable
6 television company, or any of its affiliates, an Internet provider, or commercial
7 online service provider, or to the carrying, broadcasting, or performing of related
8 activities in providing telephone, cable television, Internet, or commercial online
9 services.

10 (3) Any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website, video, report,
11 or event and shall not be construed to affect the rights of any news-gathering
12 organization.

13 F. D. A violation of ~~the provisions~~ Paragraph (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this
14 Section ~~shall be~~ is considered a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541. Whoever
15 commits the crime of video voyeurism ~~shall be~~ in violation of Paragraph (A)(1), (2),
16 or (3) of this Section is required to register as a sex offender as provided ~~for~~ in
17 Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

18 G. E. For the purposes of this Section, "unmanned aircraft system" means
19 an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be
20 autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

21 ~~H. This Section shall not apply to any bona fide news or public interest~~
22 ~~broadcast, website, video, report, or event and shall not be construed to affect the~~
23 ~~rights of any news-gathering organization.~~

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

25 §541. Definitions

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

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1 (24)(a) "Sex offense" means deferred adjudication, adjudication withheld,
2 or conviction for the perpetration or attempted perpetration of or conspiracy to
3 commit human trafficking when prosecuted under the provisions of R.S.
4 14:46.2(B)(2), R.S. 14:46.3 (trafficking of children for sexual purposes), R.S. 14:89
5 (crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.1 (aggravated crime against nature), R.S.
6 14:89.2(B)(3) (crime against nature by solicitation), R.S. 14:80 (felony carnal
7 knowledge of a juvenile), R.S. 14:81 (indecent behavior with juveniles), R.S. 14:81.1
8 (pornography involving juveniles) which occurred prior to August 1, 2025, R.S.
9 14:81.2 (molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability),
10 R.S. 14:81.3 (computer-aided solicitation of a minor), R.S. 14:81.4 (prohibited
11 sexual conduct between an educator and student), R.S. 14:82.1 (prostitution; persons
12 under eighteen), R.S. 14:82.2(C)(4) or (5) (purchase of commercial sexual activity),
13 R.S. 14:83(B)(2) or (3) (soliciting for prostitutes), R.S. 14:92(A)(7) (contributing to
14 the delinquency of juveniles), R.S. 14:93.5 (sexual battery of persons with
15 infirmities), R.S. 14:106(A)(5) (obscenity by solicitation of a person under the age
16 of seventeen), R.S. 14:283(A)(1), (2), or (3) (video voyeurism), R.S. 14:41 (rape),
17 R.S. 14:42 (aggravated or first degree rape), R.S. 14:42.1 (forcible or second degree
18 rape), R.S. 14:43 (simple or third degree rape), R.S. 14:43.1 (sexual battery), R.S.
19 14:43.2 (second degree sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.3 (oral sexual battery), R.S.
20 14:43.5 (intentional exposure to HIV), a second or subsequent conviction of R.S.
21 14:283.1 (voyeurism), or a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:89.3 (sexual
22 abuse of an animal), committed on or after June 18, 1992, or committed prior to June
23 18, 1992, if the person, as a result of the offense, is under the custody of the
24 Department of Public Safety and Corrections on or after June 18, 1992. A conviction
25 for any offense provided in this definition includes a conviction for the offense under
26 the laws of another state, or military, territorial, foreign, tribal, or federal law which
27 is equivalent to an offense provided for in this Chapter, unless the tribal court or
28 foreign conviction was not obtained with sufficient safeguards for fundamental

1 fairness and due process for the accused as provided by the federal guidelines
2 adopted pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

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4 Section 3. R.S. 14:283(F) through (H) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

5 Section 4. This Act shall be cited and referred to as the "Jacob Carter Dignity in
6 Death Act".

DIGEST

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HB 265 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to video voyeurism with respect to the body of a deceased person.

Present law provides for the crime of video voyeurism and provides for penalties.

Proposed law retains present law and adds, as conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism, the use of certain image or recording devices or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with certain image or recording devices for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping the body of a deceased person.

Present law provides for exceptions.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that proposed law does not apply to any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.

Present law provides that a violation of present law requires that the offender register as a sex offender.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that sex offender registration applies to certain violations of present law and makes a corresponding cross-reference change in present law (R.S. 15:541(24)(a)).

Proposed law shall be cited and referred to as the "Jacob Carter Dignity in Death Act".

(Amends R.S. 14:283(C) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a); Adds R.S. 14:283(A)(4), (D), and (E); Repeals R.S. 14:283(F)-(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Clarify that proposed law does not apply to any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.
2. Clarify that sex offender registration applies to certain violations of present law.

3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Designate proposed law as the "Jacob Carter Dignity in Death Act".
2. Make technical changes.