

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:93.3(C), relative to cruelty to the infirmed; to amend the definition of "aged person"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:93.3(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§93.3. Cruelty to the infirmed

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C. For the purposes of this Section, an aged person is any individual ~~sixty~~
sixty-five years of age or older.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

VETO MESSAGE

House Bill No. 229 by Representative Hazel amends the definition of "aged person" in the crime of cruelty to the infirmed by increasing the age from 60 to 65 years of age or older. Cruelty to the infirmed is the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment or neglect by any person whereby unjustifiable pain, malnourishment or suffering is caused to an aged person. I do not see the benefit in raising the age class and taking away the protection afforded our fellow Louisianians.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 229 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.