

SENATE BILL NO. 182

BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND CROWE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:405, relative to offenses affecting law enforcement; to prohibit certain  
3 inmates from establishing an account on any Internet-based social networking  
4 website; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:405 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§405. Unlawful establishment of accounts on Internet-based social networking**  
8 **websites by inmates**

9 **A. It shall be unlawful for any offender who is incarcerated and who is**  
10 **sentenced to the legal custody of the Department of Public Safety and**  
11 **Corrections to establish or maintain an account on any Internet-based, social**  
12 **networking website.**

13 **B. "Social networking website" means an Internet-based website that**  
14 **has any of the following capabilities:**

15 **(1) Allows users to create web pages or profiles about themselves that**  
16 **are available to the general public or to any other users.**

17 **(2) Offers a mechanism for communication among users, such as a**  
18 **forum, chat room, electronic mail, or instant messaging.**

19 **C. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be fined**  
20 **not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days,**  
21 **or both.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: