

Present law provides that for purposes of the crime of cruelty to the infirmed, "aged person" means any person 60 years of age or older.

Proposed law would have amended prior law to provide that an "aged person" is any person who is 65 years of age or older.

Would have become effective August 15, 2011.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 14:93.3(C))

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."