

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 689

BY SENATOR APPEL

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Creates the crime of battery of a security officer. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:34.5.2, relative to assault and battery; to create the crime of battery of a security officer; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:34.5.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§34.5.2. Battery of a security officer

A. Battery of a security officer is a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe that the victim is a security officer acting in the performance of his duty.

B. For the purposes of this Section, "security officer" means a security officer as defined in R.S. 37:3272.

C. Whoever commits the crime of battery of a security officer shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and imprisoned for not less than fifteen days nor more than six months without benefit of suspension of sentence.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

Proposed law creates the crime of battery of a security officer.

Proposed law defines battery of a security officer as a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe that the victim is a security officer acting in the performance of his duty.

Proposed law defines "security officer" as that term is defined in present law relative to private contract security companies.

Proposed law provides that whoever commits the crime of battery of a security officer is to be fined not more than \$500 and imprisoned for not less than 15 days nor more than six months without benefit of suspension of sentence.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 14:34.5.2)