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Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:202.1(D)(1) and (3), (E)(1) and (3), and (F)(1) and (3), relative to the crime of home improvement fraud; to increase the values associated with the amount of damage caused by home improvement fraud or the amount contracted to conduct the home improvements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:202.1(D)(1) and (3), (E)(1) and (3), and (F)(1) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§202.1. Home improvement fraud; penalties

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D. Whoever commits the crime of home improvement fraud shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, when any of the following occur:

(1) The home improvement fraud is an act specified in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, and the person with whom the contract for the home improvement has been entered into has been paid an amount of less than ~~three~~ <u>five</u> hundred dollars.

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(3) The home improvement fraud is an act specified in Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section, and the cost to repair the damaged property is in an amount which is less than ~~three~~ <u>five</u> hundred dollars.

E. Whoever commits the crime of home improvement fraud shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, and shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, when any of the following occur:

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(1) The home improvement fraud is an act specified in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, and the person with whom the contract for the home improvement has been entered into has been paid an amount of ~~three~~ five hundred dollars or more, but less than one thousand five hundred dollars.

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(3) The home improvement fraud is an act specified in Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section, and the cost to repair the damaged property is in an amount which is valued at ~~three~~ five hundred dollars or more, but less than one thousand five hundred dollars.

F. Whoever commits the crime of home improvement fraud shall be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years, if the home improvement fraud is committed under any of the following circumstances:

(1) The home improvement fraud is an act specified in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, and the person with whom the contract for the home improvement has been entered into has been paid an amount of one thousand five hundred dollars or more.

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(3) The home improvement fraud is an act specified in Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section, and the cost to repair the damaged property is in an amount which is valued at one thousand five hundred dollars or more.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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