

SENATE BILL NO. 738

BY SENATORS MORRELL, BROOME, DORSEY-COLOMB AND HEITMEIER AND
REPRESENTATIVES WESLEY BISHOP, BROSSETT, HONORE,
LEGER, MORENO AND NORTON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:20.1, relative to self-defense; to require full investigation of all deaths due
3 to violence or suspicious circumstances when a claim of self-defense is raised; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:20.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§20.1. Investigation of death due to violence or suspicious circumstances when**
8 **claim of self-defense is raised**

9 **Whenever a death results from violence or under suspicious**
10 **circumstances and a claim of self-defense is raised, the appropriate law**
11 **enforcement agency and coroner shall expeditiously conduct a full investigation**
12 **of the death. All evidence of such investigation shall be preserved.**

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____