
DIGEST

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HB No. 361

Abstract: When the parents of a minor child are living separate and apart or are divorced, requires both parents to consent to the tracking of the minor child in order for the tracking to be excluded from the crime regarding prohibited uses of tracking devices.

Present law prohibits the use of tracking devices to determine the location or movement of another person without the consent of that person. Present law penalties include a fine of \$100 to \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Present law further provides for certain exceptions to this prohibition, including a parent or legal guardian of a minor child whose location or movements are being tracked by the parent or legal guardian.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that when the parents of the minor child are living separate and apart or are divorced from one another, this exception shall only apply if both parents consent to the tracking of the minor child's location and movements, unless one parent has been granted sole custody, in which case consent of the noncustodial parent shall not be required.

(Amends R.S. 14:323(C)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Changed the criteria from being "judicially separated" to "living separate and apart" and provided an exception for a parent who has been granted sole custody in which case the custodial parent shall not have to obtain consent from the noncustodial parent.