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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 592)

Present law defines and provides penalties for the crime of second degree battery.

Present law provides that the crime of second degree battery is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, or imprisonment with or without hard labor for up to five years, or both. Present law further provides that at least one year of any sentence of imprisonment is to be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence if the offender knew or should have known that the victim is an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces or is a disabled veteran and the second degree battery was committed because of that status.

Proposed law increases the maximum fine for second degree battery from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and increases the maximum period of imprisonment from five years to 10 years. Proposed law further increases the minimum period of imprisonment that must be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence if the offender knew or should have known that the victim is an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a veteran from one year to two years.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.1(C))