
DIGEST

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HB 983 Engrossed

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Garofalo

Abstract: Regarding the crime of Medicaid fraud, provides for the definition of "person" and provides for the determination of prior convictions.

Present law provides for the crime of Medicaid fraud, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, a fine of up to \$20,000, or both.

Proposed law defines "person" for the purposes of Medicaid fraud to include a natural or juridical person, including but not limited to a sole proprietorship, corporation, company, limited liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, or any other individual or entity.

Proposed law provides that a prior conviction can include a conviction from an equivalent state or federal conviction.

Proposed law provides that the owners, members, shareholders, directors, or partners of any closely held corporation, or other business entity shall also be personally liable to the state, along with the business entity, for the amount of the fine ordered by the court.

(Adds R.S. 14:70.1(D), (E), and (F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds that owners, members, shareholders, directors, or partners of any closely held corporation, or other business entity shall also be personally liable for the amount of the fine ordered by the court