AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Art. 2315.10, relative to civil liability for offenses and quasi offenses; to provide relative to hazing; to authorize exemplary damages for death caused by hazing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Civil Code Art. 2315.10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 2315.10. Liability for death caused by hazing; additional damages

In addition to general and special damages, exemplary damages may be awarded upon proof that the death on which the action is based was caused by a wanton and reckless disregard for the rights and safety of the victim through an act of hazing, as defined by R.S. 17:1801, regardless of whether the defendant was prosecuted for his acts.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________