To enact R.S. 14:67.5(A)(3) and (C), relative to misappropriation without violence; to provide relative to adoption deception; to provide relative to elements of the offense; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:67.5(A)(3) and (C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§67.5. Adoption deception

  A. Any person who is a birth mother, or who holds herself out to be a birth mother, who is interested in making an adoption plan and who knowingly or intentionally benefits from payment of adoption-related expenses in connection with that adoption plan commits adoption deception if any of the following occur:

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  (3) The person has the specific intent to make false representations to induce the payment of living expenses or other benefits in connection with a purported adoption placement.

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  C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a person who agrees to an adoption plan agreement and subsequently, in good faith, declines to proceed with the prospective adoption in favor of parenting the child.