AN ACT

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.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: __________________

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