
DIGEST

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HB No. 562

Abstract: Expands the crime of disarming a peace officer to include the taking of all forms of law enforcement equipment.

Present law provides that the crime of disarming a peace officer is committed when an offender, through use of force or threat of force, and without the consent of the peace officer, takes possession of a firearm from the person of a peace officer or from an area within the peace officer's immediate control, when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe that the victim is a peace officer acting in the performance of his duty.

Proposed law retains the elements of the crime but expands the definition to include all law enforcement equipment.

Proposed law defines "law enforcement equipment" as any firearms, weapons, restraints, ballistics shields, forced entry tools, defense technology equipment, self defense batons, self defense sprays, chemical weapons, or electro shock weapons issued to a peace officer and used in the course and scope of his law enforcement duties.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.6)