
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the penalty for a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes and adds this offense to the enumerated sex offenses for purposes of sex offender registration and notification requirements.

Present law (R.S. 14:83) provides for the offense of soliciting for prostitutes and provides for various penalties.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b)) provides that whoever commits a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes shall be fined not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Present law further provides that 1/2 of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:539.4).

Proposed law amends present law to provide that for a second or subsequent offense of soliciting for prostitutes, the term of imprisonment shall be at hard labor.

Present law (R.S. 15:541) provides for definitions relative to sex offenders.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 15:541(24)(a)) defines the term "sex offense".

Proposed law amends present law to include a second or subsequent conviction of soliciting for prostitutes within the term "sex offense".

(Amends R.S. 14:83(B)(1)(b) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a))