

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMERO AND TARVER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME: Provides for a minimum mandatory sentence for certain hit and run driving offenses

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:100(C)(2), relative to the crime of hit-and-run driving; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:100(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§100. Hit-and-run driving

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(2) Whoever commits the crime of hit-and-run driving; when death or serious bodily injury is a direct result of the accident, ~~and~~ when the driver knew or should have known that death or serious bodily injury has occurred, and the driver's vehicle was directly involved in the accident, shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than two years nor more than ten years, two of which shall be served without the benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, or both.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 35 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Increases the minimum penalty for the crime of hit-and-run driving to two years of imprisonment and requires offenders to serve two years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Present law provides a sentence of not more than 10 years for an offender who commits the crime of hit-and-run driving when death or serious bodily injury occurs and the offender knew or should have known of the death or serious bodily injury.

Proposed law increases the minimum time of imprisonment to two years when the driver's vehicle was directly involved in the accident.

Proposed law requires the offender to serve two years of the sentence without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:100(C)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add the requirement that the driver's vehicle was directly involved in the accident.