

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 14

2025 Regular Session

Cox

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 14 by Representative Cox, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#2309) be adopted.
- 2. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 3 by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#2309) on page 1 at the end of line 6 delete "intentional"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 3 by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#2309) on page 1, line 7 after "and" and before "with" change "person" to "persons"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Debbie Villio

Senator Mark Abraham

Representative Vincent Cox III

Senator Regina Ashford Barrow

Representative Tony Bacala

Senator Patrick Connick

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

CRIME/HOMICIDE: Provides relative to homicide when the victim is a person with infirmities

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Add cruelty to the elderly as a predicate felony for first and second degree murder.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Required cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities to be intentional.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Delete the word intentional and make technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that first degree murder is the killing of a human being when the offender has specific intent to kill or inflict great bodily harm and is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of certain crimes.

Proposed law adds cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities to that list of crimes.

Present law provides that second degree murder is the killing of a human being when the offender is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of certain crimes, even when the offender has no intent to kill or inflict great bodily harm.

Proposed law adds cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities to that list of crimes.

(Amends R.S. 14:30(A)(1) and 30.1(A)(2))