

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 304

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**CRIME/RACKETEERING. Expands definition of "racketeering activity" to include armed robbery and armed robbery or attempted armed robbery committed with a firearm.**

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DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 14:64) provides for the offense of armed robbery which is the taking of anything of value belonging to another from the person of another, by use of force or intimidation, while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Present law (R.S. 14:64.3) provides for an additional offense when the crime of armed robbery, or attempted armed robbery, is committed with a firearm.

Present law (R.S. 15:1352) defines "racketeering activity" by enumerating various crimes which can be prosecuted as a pattern of racketeering activity if at least two incidents of the crimes occur.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the present law crimes of armed robbery (R.S. 14:64) and armed robbery or attempted armed robbery committed with a firearm (R.S. 14:64.3) to the list of offenses included in the definition of "racketeering activity".

Present law (R.S. 15:1354 and 1356) provides for increased criminal penalties for convictions of racketeering and also provides for seizure of the property used in or derived from the racketeering activity.

Proposed law provides that 25% of proceeds from forfeited property are to be distributed to the judicial district indigent defender fund.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:1356(A)(3)(intro para); adds R.S. 15:1352(A)(64) and (65))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the engrossed bill

1. Adds that 25% of proceeds from forfeited property are to be distributed to the judicial district indigent defender fund.