

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 674 (SB 534)

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Prior law defined a "crime of violence" as an offense that has, as an element, the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, and that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense or an offense that involves the possession or use of a dangerous weapon. Prior law enumerates prior law offenses that are "crimes of violence".

New law retains prior law and adds the following as "crimes of violence":

- (1) Criminal abortion.
- (2) First degree feticide.
- (3) Second degree feticide.
- (4) Third degree feticide.
- (5) Aggravated criminal abortion by dismemberment.

New law prohibits coerced abortion and defines the term to mean when any person intentionally engages in the use or threatened use of physical force against the person of a pregnant woman, with the intent to compel the pregnant woman to undergo an abortion against her will, whether or not the abortion procedure has been attempted or completed.

Provides that the penalties for violating new law include a fine of not more than \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 1, 2018).

(Adds R.S. 14:2(B)(48)-(52) and 87.6)