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Abstract: Amends the elements of the crimes of second degree murder and manslaughter to provide that such offenses occur regardless of whether the victim's death results from a direct act of the offender or another.

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 aggravated or first degree rape, forcible or second degree rape, aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, aggravated kidnapping, second degree kidnapping, aggravated escape, assault by drive-by shooting, armed robbery, first degree robbery, second degree robbery, simple robbery, cruelty to juveniles or terrorism, even though he has no intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that the offense is committed regardless of whether the victim's death results from a direct act of the offender or another.

Present law provides that manslaughter is a homicide committed, without any intent to cause death or great bodily harm.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that the offense is committed regardless of whether the victim's death is a result of a direct act of the offender or another.

(Amends R.S. 14:30.1(A)(2) and 31(A)(2))