

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

CRIME/BATTERY: Provides relative to the crime of battery of a police officer

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.2(B)(1) and (3), relative to battery of a police officer; to
3 provide relative to the penalties for battery of a police officer; to increase the
4 penalties for the offense; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:34.2(B)(1) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §34.2. Battery of a police officer

9 * * *

10 B.(1)(a) Whoever commits the crime of battery of a police officer shall be
11 fined not more than five hundred dollars and imprisoned not less than fifteen days
12 nor more than six months without benefit of suspension of sentence.

13 (b) Whoever commits a second or subsequent offense of battery of a police
14 officer shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned with or
15 without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than three years. At least
16 fifteen days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole,
17 probation, or suspension of sentence.

18 * * *

19 (3)(a) If the battery produces an injury that requires medical attention, the
20 offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned with or

three years. At least 15 days shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

- (2) If the battery produces an injury that requires medical attention and the offense is a second or subsequent offense, the offender shall be fined not more than \$2,000 and shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than two years nor more than five years. At least 60 days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.2(B)(1) and (3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Restore present law penalties for a first offense and for an offense that produces an injury that requires medical attention.
2. Add penalties for a second or subsequent offense and for an offense that produces an injury that requires medical attention and that is a second or subsequent offense of battery of a police officer.