

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:67.5, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of
3 false statements and false or altered documents in unclaimed property claims; to
4 provide for elements of the offense; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide
5 relative to restitution; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:67.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §67.5. False statements and false or altered documents; unclaimed property claim

9 A. Any person who intentionally makes a material false statement, submits
10 false or altered documentation, or both in any claim submitted pursuant to the
11 Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 commits a violation of the provisions of
12 this Section.

13 B. Whoever violates Subsection A of this Section shall be imprisoned with
14 or without hard labor for not more than five years, or fined not more than ten
15 thousand dollars, or both.

16 C. In addition to the penalty provided by Subsection B of this Section, a
17 person convicted for a violation of this Section shall be ordered to make full
18 restitution to the Department of the Treasury to be deposited in the Louisiana
19 Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund in the amount of funds obtained as a
20 result of the offense. If the person ordered to make restitution pursuant to this
21 Section is found to be indigent and therefore unable to make restitution in full at the

1 time of conviction, the court shall order a periodic payment plan consistent with the
2 person's financial ability.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____