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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to certain activities regarding contraband in correctional facilities.

Present law (R.S. 14:402) prohibits persons from introducing, possessing, or sending contraband into or from any state correctional institution or municipal or parish jail and provides for criminal penalties.

Proposed law amends present law to also prohibit persons from attempting to introduce, taking, giving, or attempting to give contraband to an inmate of any correctional facility rather than a correctional institute.

Proposed law defines "correctional facility" as any jail, prison, penitentiary, juvenile institution, temporary holding center, or detention facility.

Proposed law retains and restructures present law with regard to contraband in or upon the premises of municipal or parish prisons or jails.

Proposed law adds that the present law term of "contraband" includes any tobacco product as defined by present law.

Present law (R.S. 15:1352) provides for the definition of "racketeering activity" and provides for certain criminal offenses.

Proposed law changes the crime of contraband in penal institutions to contraband in correctional facilities.

(Amends R.S. 14:402(A), (B), (C), (D)(1)-(5) and (7)-(10), (F), and (G)(1) and (2) and R.S. 15:1352(A)(66); Adds R.S. 14:402(D)(11), (12), and (13) and (H); Repeals R.S. 14:402(E))