

or those able to show a justification defense under proposed law.

Proposed law permits a sentencing court to reduce the maximum sentence for a defendant who is also a victim of intimate partner violence, domestic abuse, human trafficking, or sexual assault.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law will cease to be effective on December 31, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 14:46.2(F)(1); adds R.S. 14:18.1 and 46.2(F)(4), C.Cr.P. Art. 890.1(F), 926.4, 930.3(9), and 930.8(A)(7), and C.E. Art. 707)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Change eligibility of victim who may assert justification defense.
2. Delete language allowing for retroactivity of justification defense.
3. Clarify that victims of human trafficking are eligible to assert defense.
4. Add language for post-conviction relief in certain circumstances.