

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 237**

**2023 Regular Session**

**Schamerhorn**

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Provides relative to certain activities regarding contraband

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Makes technical corrections.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

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, 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.

Present law provides that a reasonably small amount of sacramental wine shall be permitted to be brought for use by a clergy member only, as part of a religious service.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a reasonably small amount of sacramental wine may be permitted by the warden or his designee for use by a clergy member only, as part of a religious service.

Proposed law adds that the present law term of "contraband" includes any tobacco product as defined by present law and any hypodermic syringe, needle, and or other object used or intended for use, or designed for use in injecting controlled dangerous substances into the human body.

Proposed law further adds any electronic device including but not limited to computers, telephoto equipment, communications equipment, whether modified or not.

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), (13), and (14) and (H); Repeals R.S. 14:402(E))