

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:109, relative to offenses affecting law enforcement; to create the crime of
3 approaching a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in law enforcement duties;
4 to provide for a definition; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:109 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §109. Approaching a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in law enforcement
9 duties

10 A. No person shall knowingly or intentionally approach within twenty-five
11 feet of a law enforcement officer who is lawfully engaged in the execution of his
12 official duties after the law enforcement officer has ordered the person to stop
13 approaching or to retreat.

14 B. For the purposes of this Section, "law enforcement officer" means any
15 commissioned police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal,
16 correctional officer, probation and parole officer, constable, wildlife enforcement
17 agent, livestock brand inspector, forestry officer, or state park warden.

18 C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more
19 than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than sixty days, or both.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____