
DIGEST

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HB 125 Engrossed

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Bayham

Abstract: Provides relative to penalties for the crime of battery of a bus operator.

Present law provides that battery of a bus operator is a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is a bus operator.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines the term "bus operator".

Proposed law removes an incorrect cross-reference to the term "bus operator" with the correct cross-reference as defined in present law (R.S. 32:1).

Present law provides that whoever commits the crime of battery on a bus operator while the operator is operating a bus shall be fined not more than \$500 and imprisoned for not less than 48 hours nor more than six months without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law increases the maximum fine from \$500 to \$1,000, increases the minimum term of imprisonment from 48 hours to three days, and increases the maximum term of imprisonment from six months to one year with or without hard labor without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.5.1(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Clarify that the present law crime applies when committed on a bus operator while the operator is operating a bus.
2. Clarify that the term of imprisonment is with or without hard labor.
3. Add a technical amendment.