
DIGEST

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Abstract: Doubles the penalty assessed for any person found guilty of gross littering for abandoning a boat or other vessel.

Present law establishes penalties for gross littering by disposing of household items or furniture, automotive parts and equipment, boats and boating materials, and other building or construction equipment or tools.

Present law provides for penalties as follows:

- (1) For first offense conviction: a fine of \$900 and 16 hours of community service in a litter abatement work program approved by the court and possible imprisonment for up to 30 days. In addition to all other penalties under this Paragraph, when the offense of gross littering involves the disposal of tires, the fine is \$1800 and responsibility for the cost of removal, transportation, and processing of the tires.
- (2) For a second conviction: a fine range of \$2000 to \$5000 and 24 hours of community service in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court and may be imprisoned for up to 30 days. In addition to all other penalties under this Paragraph, upon second conviction of gross littering involving the disposal of tires, the fine range is from \$4000 to \$10,000 and the offender will be responsible for the cost of removal, transportation, and processing of the tires.
- (3) For a third or subsequent conviction: a fine range of \$3000 to \$10,000, suspension of the person's motor vehicle driver's license for one year, imprisonment for up to 30 days, or a service range of 48 to 100 hours in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court, or all or any combination of the aforementioned penalties. In addition to all other penalties upon third conviction of gross littering involving the disposal of tires, the fine range \$6000 to \$20,000 and the offender will be responsible for the cost of removal, transportation, and processing of the tires.

Proposed law provides that the penalties provided under present law will be doubled for any person found guilty of gross littering for abandoning a boat or other vessel.

(Amends R.S. 30:2531.1(A))