

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 429

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CRIME/THEFT: Adds theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure as a predicate crime for terrorism

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and  
3 67.24(C) and to enact R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and (B)(1)(c) and 128.1(A)(6) and  
4 (B)(6), relative to the unauthorized entry and theft of critical infrastructure; to add  
5 oil fields as critical infrastructure; to make unauthorized entry and theft of oil fields  
6 predicate crimes for terrorism; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and 67.24(C)  
9 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and (B)(1)(c) and  
10 128.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §61. Unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure

12 A. Unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure is any of the following:

13 (1) The intentional entry by a person without authority into any structure or  
14 onto any premises, belonging to another, that constitutes in whole or in part a critical  
15 infrastructure that is completely enclosed or surrounded by any type of physical  
16 barrier.

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1           (4) The intentional entry into a restricted area of a critical infrastructure  
2           which is marked as a restricted or limited access area that is completely enclosed or  
3           surrounded by any type of physical barrier when the person is not authorized to enter  
4           that restricted or limited access area.

5           (5) The intentional operation of an unmanned aircraft system, as defined in  
6           R.S. 14:337, without prior express authority, within or over critical infrastructure that  
7           is completely enclosed or surrounded by any type of physical barrier, or within or  
8           over a restricted area of a critical infrastructure which is marked as a restricted or  
9           limited access area, when the person is not authorized to operate within or over that  
10          area.

11          (6) The intentional and malicious use of any electronic, digital, or  
12          technological means, without authority, to access, control, disrupt, disable,  
13          manipulate, or materially interfere with any camera system, computer, computer  
14          system, computer network, industrial control system, operational technology system,  
15          or other electronically controlled equipment used to operate, monitor, secure, or  
16          control a critical infrastructure.

17                 B. For the purposes of this Section, the following words ~~shall~~ have the  
18                 following meanings:

19                 (1)(a) "Critical infrastructure" means any and all structures, sites, equipment,  
20                 or other immovable or movable property located within or upon any of the  
21                 following:

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23                 (c) "Critical infrastructure" includes oil and natural gas facilities and  
24                 operations, including but not limited to equipment and products used in drilling,  
25                 stimulation, completion, waste disposal, production, transportation, refining,  
26                 processing, storage, delivery, and transmission operations, private and public roads  
27                 and storage yards primarily used in such operations, and equipment that travels  
28                 between locations in the course and scope of such operations.

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1 §67.24. Theft of critical infrastructure

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3 ~~C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure when the~~  
4 ~~misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of less than~~  
5 ~~twenty-five thousand dollars shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or~~  
6 ~~imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen years, or both.~~

7 ~~(2) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure when the~~  
8 ~~misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of twenty-five~~  
9 ~~thousand dollars or more shall be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or~~  
10 ~~imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty years, or both.~~

11 ~~(3) Whoever commits the crime of theft of critical infrastructure wherein it~~  
12 ~~is foreseeable that human life will be threatened as a result of the theft shall be fined~~  
13 ~~not more than fifty thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than~~  
14 ~~twenty years, or both.~~

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16 §128.1. Terrorism

17 A. Terrorism is the commission of any of the acts enumerated in this  
18 Subsection, when the offender has the intent to intimidate or coerce the civilian  
19 population, influence the policy of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion,  
20 or affect the conduct of a unit of government by intimidation or coercion:

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22 (6) Theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure.

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24 B.

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26 (6) Whoever commits the crime of terrorism as provided in Paragraph (A)(6)  
27 of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty years.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 429 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds theft or unauthorized entry of critical infrastructure as predicate crimes for terrorism and adds oil and natural gas operations to the definition of critical infrastructure.

Present law provides for the crimes of unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure (R.S. 14:61) and theft of critical infrastructure (R.S. 14:67.24).

Present law (R.S. 14:67.24) provides penalties for theft of critical infrastructure as follows:

- (1) When the value of the stolen property is less than \$25,000, a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than 15 years, or both.
- (2) When the value of the stolen property is \$25,000 or more, a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.
- (3) When it is foreseeable that human life will be threatened as a result of the theft, a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.

Proposed law revises the penalty provisions so that all convictions for theft of critical infrastructure carry a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.

Proposed law provides that flying drones over critical infrastructure or hacking electronics of critical infrastructure constitutes unauthorized entry.

Present law provides for crimes that, when committed with the intent to intimidate or coerce the civilian population or influence a government entity by intimidation or coercion, qualify as terrorism.

Proposed law adds oil and natural gas drilling operations and equipment to the definition of critical infrastructure.

Proposed law adds unauthorized entry of critical infrastructure and theft of critical infrastructure as crimes that, with the requisite intent, qualify as terrorism.

Proposed law requires any person who commits terrorism by theft or unauthorized entry of a critical infrastructure to be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than 20 years.

(Amends R.S. 14:61(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(intro. para.) and 67.24(C); Adds R.S. 14:61(A)(5) and (6) and (B)(1)(c) and 128.1(A)(6) and (B)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provide that flying a drone over critical infrastructure or hacking electronics of critical infrastructure constitutes unauthorized entry.
2. Make technical changes.