

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 60

BY SENATOR ADLEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Creates the crime of false personation of a veteran or veteran-owned business. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:67.29, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime

3 of false personation of a veteran or veteran-owned business; to provide definitions;

4 to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:67.29 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§67.29. False personation of a veteran or veteran-owned business**

8 **A. False personation of a veteran is the false representation by a person**

9 **of being a veteran, with the intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic gain, or**

10 **obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage.**

11 **B. False personation of a veteran-owned business is the false**

12 **representation by an owner, operator, principal, or employee of a business that**

13 **the business is a veteran-owned business or is a service-connected disabled**

14 **veteran-owned business, with the intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic**

15 **gain, or obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage.**

16 **C. For the purposes of this Section, "veteran" means a person who has**

17 **served in the armed services or reserve forces of the United States or Louisiana**

National Guard.

D. Whoever commits the crime of false personation of a veteran or veteran-owned business shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

Proposed law creates the crime of false personation of a veteran or veteran-owned business.

Proposed law defines false personation of a veteran as the false representation by a person of being a veteran, with the intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic gain, or obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage.

Proposed law defines false personation of a veteran-owned business as the false representation by an owner, operator, principal, or employee of a business that the business is a veteran-owned business or is a service-connected disabled veteran-owned business, with the intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic gain, or obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage.

Proposed law defines "veteran" as a person who has served in the armed services or reserve forces of the United States or Louisiana National Guard.

Proposed law provides that whoever commits the crime of false personation of a veteran or veteran-owned business is to be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 14:67.29)