

**ACT No. 630**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 624

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Evidence Article 702, relative to expert testimony; to provide certain criteria for expert testimony; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 702 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 702. Testimony by experts

~~If scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, may testify thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise.~~ A witness who is qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify in the form of an opinion or otherwise if:

(1) The expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue;

(2) The testimony is based on sufficient facts or data;

(3) The testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods; and

(4) The expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of the case.

1           Section 2. No change in law or result in a ruling on evidence admissibility shall be  
2 presumed or is intended by the Legislature of Louisiana by the passage of this Act.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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