
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the hate crimes offense does not apply to a person who commits any of the enumerated offenses while resisting an officer.

Present law defines hate crimes as certain enumerated offenses in which the victim is selected because of that person's actual or perceived race, age, gender, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, disability, creed, or sexual orientation or because of actual or perceived employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.

Present law provides that if the underlying offense is a misdemeanor, and the victim is selected in the proscribed manner, the offender may receive an additional consecutive sentence of imprisonment for not more than six months, a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

Present law provides that if the underlying offense is a felony, and the victim is selected in the proscribed manner, the offender may receive an additional consecutive sentence of imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that these provisions of present law do not apply to a person who commits one of the enumerated offenses while resisting an officer.

(Amends R.S. 14:107.2(A))