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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the failure to seek medical assistance when reckless behavior, in which the offender is engaged or for which the offender is present, results in serious bodily injury of another.

Proposed law requires any person who engages in reckless behavior that results in the serious bodily injury of another person to immediately seek or report the need for medical assistance from an appropriate authority. Further requires any person who is in the presence of and associated with another person or persons who are engaged in reckless behavior that results in the serious bodily injury of another person to immediately seek or report the need for medical assistance from an appropriate authority. For purposes of proposed law "appropriate authority" includes a state or local law enforcement agency, a 911 Public Safety Answering Point, and emergency medical personnel.

Proposed law provides that any person who intentionally or knowingly fails to immediately seek or report the need for assistance pursuant to the provisions of proposed law shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

For purposes of proposed law, "reckless behavior" means an activity or behavior in which a person knows or should know that such activity or behavior could result in injury to another, including but not limited to binge drinking, drag racing, consumption of drugs, acts of hazing, or other similar activity, including activity which is defined as a criminal offense under present law.

(Adds R.S. 14:502)