

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 634

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COMMERCE: Requires notification by bed and breakfast businesses that rooms are under
film surveillance

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 2-A of Title 21 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 21:61, relative to short-term rental structures; to define key terms; to prohibit
4 the use of a camera unless notice is provided; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Chapter 2-A of Title 21 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
7 comprised of R.S. 21:61, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 2-A. OFFENSES BY OWNERS

9 §61. Notice required for use of camera in short-term rental structures

10 A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

11 (1) "Camera" means a camcorder, motion picture camera, photographic
12 camera of any type, or other equipment that is concealed or disguised to secretly or
13 surreptitiously videotape, film, photograph, record, or view a person by electronic
14 means.

15 (2) "Common area" means all areas of the short-term rental structure,
16 excluding any bedrooms or bathrooms.

17 (3) "Short-term rental structure" means a building which may have
18 previously been used as a one- or two-family dwelling but is rented from the owner

1 of the structure by an unknown number of persons for a period of time not to exceed
 2 twenty-nine days.

3 B. An owner or lessor of a short-term rental structure shall not install or use
 4 a camera on the premises of a short-term rental structure unless the owner or lessor
 5 first conspicuously posts a sign on the premises of the short-term rental structure
 6 with the following statement:

7 "NOTICE

8 ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED

9 ON THESE PREMISES AND ALL ACTIVITIES IN COMMON AREAS

10 ARE SUBJECT TO BEING RECORDED BY VIDEO."

DIGEST

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HB 634 Reengrossed

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Hunter

Abstract: Prohibits the use of a hidden camera in a short-term rental structure unless notice is provided.

Proposed law defines "camera", "common area", and "short-term rental structure".

Proposed law prohibits the use of a camera on the premises of a short-term rental structure unless notice is provided to the occupants.

(Adds R.S. 21:61)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make a technical change.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change each use of "hidden camera" to "camera".
2. Provide a definition for "common area".
3. Add to the language that must be posted on the premises.