

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 446

2018 Regular Session

Falconer

CRIME/MISDEMEANOR: Provides relative to the failure to seek medical assistance when reckless behavior results in serious bodily injury

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Limits application of proposed law to require that reasonable assistance be given when a person suffers serious bodily injury and not when the person is exposed to serious bodily injury.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires the following:

- (1) Any person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person has suffered serious bodily injury shall, to the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others, give reasonable assistance to the injured person.
- (2) Any person who engages in reckless behavior that results in the serious bodily injury of any person shall, to the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others, give reasonable assistance to the person.

Proposed law provides that reasonable assistance includes immediately seeking or reporting the need for medical assistance from an appropriate authority which is defined by proposed law to include any 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 \$1,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

Proposed law provides for definitions of "reckless behavior" and "serious bodily injury".

(Adds R.S. 14:502)