

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 285 (HB 359)**

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Existing law provides that looting is the unauthorized entry into certain structures or property belonging to another under certain circumstances and the obtaining, exerting control over, damaging, or removing of the property of the owner when normal security is not present due to certain events.

Existing law provides that a person who commits the crime of looting shall be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned at hard labor for not more than 15 years, or both.

Existing law further provides that a person who commits the crime of looting during a state of emergency as declared by the governor or chief executive officer of any parish shall be fined not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisoned at hard labor for not less than three years nor more than 15 years without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

New law retains existing law but requires the obtaining, exerting control over, damaging, or removing of the property of the owner be done without authorization for the crime of looting to apply.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 14:62.5(A))