

SENATE BILL NO. 140

BY SENATOR HARRIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:130.1(B)(3) and to enact 14:130.1(B)(4), relative to the crime  
3 of obstruction of justice; to provide for an exception; to provide for penalties; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:130.1(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 14:130.1(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §130.1. Obstruction of justice

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10 B. Whoever commits the crime of obstruction of justice shall be subject to  
11 the following penalties:

12 \* \* \*

13 (3) When the obstruction of justice involves any other criminal proceeding,  
14 **except as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection,** the offender shall be fined  
15 not more than ten thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than five years, with or  
16 without hard labor, or both.

17 **(4) When the obstruction of justice is committed as described in**  
18 **Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section and involves any misdemeanor criminal**  
19 **proceeding that does not involve an intentional misdemeanor directly affecting**

1            the person, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars,  
2            imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_