2021 Regular Session

McCormick

Suspends the enforcement of criminal penalties relative to religious assembly for violation of R.S. 14:329.6(A)(3), R.S. 29:724(E), R.S. 29:727(G), and all other laws as they relate to emergency proclamations and violations of emergency proclamations.

Existing law (R.S. 14:329.6(A)(3)) provides that during a state of emergency and following a proclamation by the governor, the chief law enforcement officer of the political subdivision affected by the proclamation may, in order to protect life and property and to bring the emergency situation under control, promulgate orders affecting any part or all of the territorial limits of the municipality or parish, which includes regulating and closing of places of amusement and assembly.

Existing law (R.S. 29:724(E)) provides that in the event of an emergency declared by the governor, any person or representative of any firm, partnership, or corporation violating any promulgated order, rule, or regulation shall be fined not more than \$500 or confined in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both. Provides that no executive order, proclamation, or regulation shall create or define a crime or fix penalties.

Existing law (R.S. 29:727(G)) provides that in the event of an emergency declared by the parish president, any person or representative of any firm, partnership, or corporation violating any promulgated order, rule, or regulation shall be fined not more than \$500 or confined in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both.

(Suspends R.S. 14:329.6(A)(3) and R.S. 29:724(E) and 727(G))