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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds an element to the crime of adoption deception.

Present law provides for the crime of adoption deception and defines the crime as being committed by any person who is a birth mother, or who holds herself out to be a birth mother, who is interested in making an adoption plan and who knowingly or intentionally benefits from payment of adoption-related expenses in connection with that adoption plan if any of the following occur:

- (1) The person knows or should have known that she is not pregnant at the time the payments were requested or received.
- (2) The person accepts assistance for living expenses from a prospective adoptive parent or adoption entity without disclosing that she is receiving such assistance from another prospective adoptive parent or adoption entity at the same time in an effort to adopt the same child.

Proposed law amends present law to include when a person intentionally makes false representations to induce the payment of living expenses or other benefits in connection with a purported adoption placement.

(Adds R.S. 14:67.5(A)(3))