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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the elements and penalties for the crime of simple obstruction of a highway of commerce.

Present law provides that the crime of simple obstruction of a highway of commerce is the intentional or criminally negligent placing of anything or performance of any act on any railway, railroad, navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which will render movement thereon more difficult.

Present law further provides for penalties consisting of a fine of not more than \$200, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law amends present law to define the crime of simple obstruction of a highway of commerce as either of the following when done in an intentional or criminally negligent manner:

- (1) The placing of anything or the performance of any act on any railway, railroad, navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which will render movement thereon more difficult.
- (2) The coordination, organization, or planning of either the placing of anything or the performance of any act on any railway, railroad, navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which will render movement thereon more difficult.

Proposed law amends present law to change the penalties as follows:

- (1) A fine of \$750, imprisonment for not more than nine months, or both for any person who places anything or performs any act on any railway, railroad, navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which will render movement thereon more difficult.
- (2) A fine of \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both for any person who coordinates, organizes, or plans the placement of anything or performance of any act on any railway, railroad, navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which will render movement thereon more difficult.

(Amends R.S. 14:97)