

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.5.1(B) and (C), relative to battery of a bus operator; to
3 provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:34.5.1(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
6 follows:

7 §34.5.1. Battery of a bus operator

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9 B. For the purposes of this Section, a "bus operator" means any person
10 employed by a public transit system who operates a bus, as defined in R.S. 32:1(5),
11 or who operates an electronically operated cable car while that person is on duty in
12 the course and scope of his or her employment, regardless of whether the bus is in
13 motion at the time of the offense. "Bus operator" shall not include any person who
14 operates a school bus.

15 C. Whoever commits the crime of battery on a bus operator while the
16 operator is operating a bus shall be fined not more than ~~five hundred~~ one thousand
17 dollars and imprisoned for not less than ~~forty-eight~~ seventy-two hours nor more than
18 ~~six months~~ one year, with or without hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole,
19 or suspension of sentence.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____