

SENATE BILL NO. 387

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:57.1, relative to criminal damage to property; to create the crime of
3 vandalizing, tampering with, or destroying a crime camera system; to provide for
4 definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:57.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§57.1. Vandalizing, tampering with, or destroying a crime camera system**

8 **A. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally vandalize, tamper**
9 **with, or destroy a crime camera system by any of the following:**

10 **(1) Causing functional or cosmetic damage to the system.**

11 **(2) Adjusting or modifying the location, position, aim, focus or**
12 **functionality of the system.**

13 **(3) Tampering with the performance, functions, or features of the**
14 **system.**

15 **(4) Rendering the system temporarily or permanently inoperable.**

16 **B. For the purposes of this Section, a "crime camera system" includes**
17 **any camera or license plate reader erected or installed for the purpose of**
18 **observing or deterring illegal activity as well as any lights, mounting poles or**
19 **brackets, actuator motors, computer control boards, connection interfaces,**
20 **signage, software, protective housing, lenses, power supply systems, recording**
21 **or battery backups, microphones, data connectivity hardware, or other**
22 **component parts or ancillary equipment necessary for proper functionality and**
23 **operation.**

1 **C. Whoever violates the provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall**
2 **be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or may**
3 **be fined not more than two thousand dollars, or both.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____