

ACT No. 542

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:97, relative to the crime of simple obstruction of a highway
3 of commerce; to provide relative to the elements of the offense; to provide relative
4 to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:97 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §97. Simple obstruction of a highway of commerce

8 A. Simple obstruction of a highway of commerce is either of the following:

9 (1) the The intentional or criminally negligent placing of anything or the
10 intentional or criminally negligent performance of any act on any railway, railroad,
11 navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which
12 will render movement thereon more difficult.

13 (2) The conspiracy or aiding and abetting of other individuals to commit
14 either the intentional or criminally negligent placing of anything or the intentional
15 or criminally negligent performance of any act on any railway, railroad, navigable
16 waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which will render
17 movement thereon more difficult.

18 B. Whoever commits the crime of simple obstruction of a highway of
19 commerce in a manner that violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not
20 more than ~~two~~ seven hundred fifty dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six
21 months, or both.

1 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an employee or
2 contractor of any public utility or a provider of electric utility services,
3 communications, telecommunications, video, or information services, to the extent
4 that the employee or contractor is acting on behalf of such entity in a road, highway,
5 or thoroughfare.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____