

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 367 (HB 125)**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Bayham**

Existing law provides that battery of a bus operator is a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is a bus operator.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law defined the term "bus operator".

New law removes an incorrect cross-reference to the term "bus operator" with the correct cross-reference as defined in existing law (R.S. 32:1).

Prior law provided that whoever committed the crime of battery on a bus operator was subject to a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment for not less than 48 hours nor more than six months without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

New law provides that the offense has to occur while the operator is operating a bus.

New law further increases the maximum fine from \$500 to \$1,000, increases the minimum term of imprisonment from 48 hours to three days, and increases the maximum term of imprisonment from six months to one year with or without hard labor without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.5.1(B) and (C))