

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 330

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

CRIMINAL/PENALTIES: Provides relative to the desecration of graves and religious institutions

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 14:225(D),  
3 relative to the desecration of graves and institutional vandalism; to provide for  
4 penalties; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted  
7 and R.S. 14:225(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §101. Desecration of graves

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10 B.(1) Whoever commits the crime of desecration of graves shall be fined not  
11 more than ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars; or imprisoned for not more than six  
12 months, or both.

13 (2) In addition to the penalties listed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the  
14 court shall order the offender to make restitution pursuant to Code of Criminal  
15 Procedure Article 883.2 for damages sustained.

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17 §225. Institutional vandalism

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19 B. Institutional vandalism is punishable as follows:



Proposed law requires the offender to make restitution when institutional vandalism is committed against a religious building.

(Amends R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 14:225(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require additional restitution in accordance with present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 883.2).