

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 24

BY SENATOR WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LIABILITY. Provides limitation of liability for good faith reporting of suspicious activity or behavior. (8/1/13)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2800.23, relative to limitation of liability; to limit liability for the good faith reporting of suspicious activity of behavior; to provide certain definitions, terms, conditions, procedures, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:2800.23 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2800.23 Limitation of liability for report of suspicious activity or behavior

A. A person who in good faith makes a report of suspicious activity or behavior as provided in this Section shall be immune from civil and criminal liability.

B. For purposes of this Section, "report of suspicious activity or behavior" means any communication to a law enforcement agency or other appropriate authority of the behavior or activity of another person that is made with the reasonable belief that such behavior or activity constitutes, or is in furtherance of, a crime or act of terrorism.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the intentional making of a report known to be false or with reckless disregard for the truth of

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the report.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides for immunity from civil or criminal liability for a person who in good faith makes a report of suspicious behavior or activity. Defines a “report of suspicious behavior or activity” as any communication to a law enforcement agency or other appropriate authority of the behavior or activity of another person that is made with the reasonable belief that such behavior or activity constitutes, or is in furtherance of, a crime or act of terrorism.

Proposed law does not apply to the intentional making of a report known to be false or with reckless disregard for the truth of the report.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Enacts R.S. 9:2800.23)