DIGEST

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Lorusso HB No. 127

Abstract: Provides for crimes related to sexual assault and other sexual offenses in the La. Code of Military Justice for which a soldier may be charged.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 29:101 et seq.) establishes the La. Code of Military Justice and provides that the code applies to all members of the state military forces when such persons are not subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the offense of sexual assault in the La. Code of Military Justice and provides for definitions, defenses, and punishment for the offense.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any person who commits the crime of sexual assault shall also be found guilty of abusive sexual contact and punished as directed by a court-martial.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the offense of stalking in the La. Code of Military Justice and further provides for definitions and punishment for violation of the offense.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the creation of additional offenses related to sexual misconduct, indecent viewing, visual recording, or broadcasting and further provides for the definitions and punishments for violation of any of the offenses.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the offense of forcible pandering in the La. Code of Military Justice and provides punishments for the violation of the offense.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the offense of indecent exposure in the La. Code of Military Justice and provides for definitions and punishment for violation of the offense.

(Adds R.S. 29:220, 220a, and 220b)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added a provision specifying that any person who commits the offenses related to sexual misconduct, indecent viewing, visual recording, or broadcasting, does so knowingly and wrongfully.