

Prior law provided that the crime of disturbing the peace included intentionally engaging in any act or any utterance, gesture, or display designed to disrupt a funeral, funeral home viewing, funeral procession, wake, memorial service, or burial of a deceased person.

New law deletes prior law reference to a funeral procession and adds a prohibition to disrupting a funeral route and that such intentional act, utterance, gesture, or display must occur during the period beginning 120 minutes before and ending 120 minutes after the funeral or burial, and within 300 feet of the funeral or burial.

New law otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law provided that the crime of disturbing the peace includes intentionally blocking, impeding, inhibiting, or in any other manner obstructing or interfering with access into or from any building or parking lot of a building in which a funeral, wake, memorial service, or burial is being conducted, or any burial plot or the parking lot of the cemetery in which a funeral, wake, memorial service, or burial is being conducted.

New law retains prior law and adds a prohibition to blocking or interfering with a funeral route and adds that the blocking or interference with access into or from any building or parking lot of a building in which a funeral is being conducted, or any burial plot or the parking lot of the cemetery in which a funeral or burial is being conducted, must occur during the period beginning 120 minutes before and ending 120 minutes after the funeral or burial and within 500 feet of the funeral or burial.

New law defines "funeral" as a funeral, funeral home viewing, wake, or memorial service.

New law defines "funeral route" as the route of ingress or egress from the location of a funeral or burial, including 30 feet from the outer edge of the outside lane of the route.

Prior law provided that whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace relative to a funeral or burial is to be fined up to \$100, or imprisoned for up to six months, or both.

New law increases the maximum fine for disturbing the peace relative to a funeral or burial to \$500, and otherwise retains prior law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 29, 2013).

(Amends R.S. 14:103(A)(7) and (8) and (B)(2); adds R.S. 14:103(C))