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HOUSE BILL NO. 278

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CORRECTIONS: Adds "correctional facility employee" to the list of specific victims of the crime of first degree murder

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:30(A)(12) and (B)(4), relative to first degree murder; to add "correctional  
3 facility employee" to the list of specific victims of the crime of first degree murder;  
4 to provide for a definition of "correctional facility employee"; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:30(A)(12) and (B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §30. First degree murder

9 A. First degree murder is the killing of a human being:

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11 (12) When the offender has a specific intent to kill or to inflict great bodily  
12 harm upon a correctional facility employee who is in the course and scope of his  
13 employment.

14 B.

15 \* \* \*

16 (4) For purposes of Paragraph (A)(12) of this Section, the term "correctional  
17 facility employee" means any employee of any jail, prison, or correctional facility  
18 that is not a peace officer as defined by the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this  
19 Subsection.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds "correctional facility employee" to the list of specific victims of the crime of first degree murder.

Present law defines first degree murder as the killing of a human being when certain circumstances exist or when the specific intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm is directly related to the victim's status.

Present law provides that persons convicted of first degree murder shall be punished by death or life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law adds "correctional facility employee" to the present law list of specific victims of the crime of first degree murder.

Proposed law defines "correctional facility employee" as any employee of any jail, prison, or correctional facility that is not a "peace officer" as defined by present law.

(Adds R.S. 14:30(A)(12) and (B)(4))