

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1037

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAZEL

CRIME: Amends criminal penalties for violations of the statute regarding Peeping Toms

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:284, relative to offenses affecting public morals; to amend
3 the criminal penalty provisions in the statute regarding Peeping Toms; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:284 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §284. Peeping Tom; ~~penalty~~ penalties

8 A. No person shall perform such acts as will make him a "Peeping Tom" on
9 or about the premises of another, or go upon the premises of another for the purpose
10 of becoming a "Peeping Tom".

11 B. "Peeping Tom" as used in this Section means one who peeps through
12 windows or doors, or other like places, situated on or about the premises of another
13 for the purpose of spying upon or invading the privacy of persons spied upon without
14 the consent of the persons spied upon. It is not a necessary element of this offense
15 that the "Peeping Tom" be upon the premises of the person being spied upon.

16 C.(1) Whoever violates this Section, upon a first conviction, shall be fined
17 not more than five hundred dollars, ~~or~~ imprisoned for not more than six months, or
18 both.

19 (2) Upon a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than
20 seven hundred fifty dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

- 1 (3) Upon a third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not
2 more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more
3 than one year, or both.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds criminal penalties for second and subsequent convictions for a violation of the provisions of the statute regarding Peeping Toms.

Present law provides that no person shall perform such acts as will make him a "Peeping Tom" on or about the premises of another, or go upon the premises of another for the purpose of becoming a "Peeping Tom".

Present law provides that "Peeping Tom" means one who peeps through windows or doors, or other like places, situated on or about the premises of another for the purpose of spying upon or invading the privacy of persons spied upon without the consent of the persons spied upon, regardless of whether the "Peeping Tom" is upon the premises of the person being spied upon.

Present law provides that whoever violates these provisions of present law shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and provides as follows for violations of the provisions of present law:

- (1) For a second conviction - A fine of not more than \$750, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
- (2) For a third or subsequent conviction - A fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

(Amends R.S. 14:284)