

**ACT No. 175**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 511

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUILLORY AND SENATOR LAFLEUR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98(F), relative to operating a vehicle while intoxicated; to  
3 provide relative to multiple offenses of operating a vehicle while intoxicated; to  
4 provide relative to determinations of prior convictions of such offenses; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:98(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §98. Operating a vehicle while intoxicated

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10 F.(1) For purposes of determining whether a defendant has a prior conviction  
11 for violation of this Section, a conviction under either R.S. 14:32.1, vehicular  
12 homicide, R.S. 14:39.1, vehicular negligent injuring, or R.S. 14:39.2, first degree  
13 vehicular negligent injuring, or a conviction under the laws of any state or an  
14 ordinance of a municipality, town, or similar political subdivision of another state,  
15 which prohibits the operation of any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, vessel, or  
16 other means of conveyance while intoxicated, while impaired, or while under the  
17 influence of alcohol, drugs, or any controlled dangerous substance shall constitute  
18 a prior conviction. This determination shall be made by the court as a matter of law.

19 (2) For purposes of this Section, a prior conviction shall not include a  
20 conviction for an offense under this Section, a conviction for an offense under R.S.  
21 14:39.1, , under R.S. 14:32.1, R.S. 14:39.1, or R.S. 14:39.2, or under a comparable  
22 statute or ordinance of another jurisdiction, as described in Paragraph (1) of this  
23 Subsection, or a conviction under the laws of any state or an ordinance of a  
24 municipality, town, or similar political subdivision of another state which prohibits

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1        the operation of any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, vessel, or other means of  
2        conveyance while intoxicated, while impaired, or while under the influence of  
3        alcohol, drugs, or any controlled dangerous substance if committed more than ten  
4        years prior to the commission of the crime for which the defendant is being tried and  
5        such conviction shall not be considered in the assessment of penalties hereunder.  
6        However, periods of time during which the offender was awaiting trial, on probation  
7        or parole for an offense described in this Paragraph (1) of ~~this Subsection~~, under an  
8        order of attachment for failure to appear, or incarcerated in a penal institution in this  
9        or any other state shall be excluded in computing the ten-year period.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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