

ACT No. 820

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 495

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1563.1(A), relative to the authority of certain officials to
3 conduct investigations and make arrests; to add simple arson of a religious building
4 to the list of offenses for which a fire marshal and other officials may conduct
5 investigations and make arrests; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1563.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1563.1. Authority to make arrests and carry firearms; arson task force

9 A. The fire marshal, the first assistant fire marshal, each deputy fire marshal,
10 certified local authorities, and state or municipal arson investigators, while engaged
11 in the performance of their duties as such, shall have the authority to investigate and
12 cause the arrest of individuals suspected of having violated the following criminal
13 laws:

14 (1) R.S. 14:51, aggravated arson.

15 (2) R.S. 14:52, simple arson.

16 (3) R.S. 14:52.1, simple arson of a religious building.

17 (4) R.S. 14:53, arson with intent to defraud.

18 ~~(4)~~(5) R.S. 14:54, placing combustible material.

19 ~~(5)~~(6) R.S. 14:54.1, communicating false information of planned arson.

20 ~~(6)~~(7) R.S. 14:54.2, manufacture and possession of delayed action incendiary
21 devices.

22 ~~(7)~~(8) R.S. 14:54.3, manufacture and possession of a bomb.

23 ~~(8)~~(9) R.S. 14:54.5, fake explosive devices.

1 ~~(9)~~(10) R.S. 14:59 (A)(2), criminal mischief relating to the giving of any
2 false alarm of fire.

3 ~~(10)~~(11) R.S. 14:204, fire-raising on lands of another by criminal negligence.

4 ~~(11)~~(12) R.S. 14:205, fire-raising on lands of another with malice.

5 ~~(12)~~(13) R.S. 14:206, fire prevention interference.

6 ~~(13)~~(14) R.S. 14:327, obstructing a fireman.

7 ~~(14)~~(15) R.S. 22:1924, insurance fraud.

8 ~~(15)~~(16) R.S. 22:1925, insurance fraud.

9 ~~(16)~~(17) R.S. 14:51.1, injury by arson.

10 ~~(17)~~(18) R.S. 15:562.5, failure to register.

11 ~~(18)~~(19) R.S. 40:1621, violation of fire marshal's orders. This Paragraph
12 shall be limited to fire marshal orders related to activities or instances determined by
13 the fire marshal to pose an immediate danger to life.

14 ~~(19)~~(20) Any other criminal laws making unlawful an attempt or conspiracy
15 to commit the foregoing offenses.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____