

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

CRIME: Amends second degree cruelty to a juvenile to include prenatal exposure to drugs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:93.2.3(A), relative to cruelty to juveniles; to amend the crime  
3 of second degree cruelty to juveniles; to add as an element of the offense the prenatal  
4 exposure of a child to a controlled dangerous substance; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:93.2.3(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §93.2.3. Second degree cruelty to juveniles

9 A.(1)(a) Second degree cruelty to juveniles is the intentional or criminally  
10 negligent mistreatment or neglect by anyone over the age of seventeen to any child  
11 under the age of seventeen which causes serious bodily injury or neurological  
12 impairment to that child.

13 ~~(2)(b)~~ For purposes of this Section, "serious bodily injury" means bodily  
14 injury involving protracted and obvious disfigurement or protracted loss or  
15 impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty, or  
16 substantial risk of death.

17 (2) Second degree cruelty to juveniles shall also include the intentional or  
18 criminally negligent prenatal exposure of an unborn child to a controlled dangerous  
19 substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law which  
20 results in any of the following:

