

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 800

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CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Prohibits sex offenders from conducting sales door-to-door

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:553(D), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 15:553(G), relative to
3 prohibited employment for certain sex offenders; to prohibit sex offenders from
4 engaging in door-to-door sales; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:553(D), (E), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 15:553(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §553. Prohibition of employment for certain sex offenders

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10 D. It shall be unlawful for any person who is required to maintain
11 registration pursuant to Chapter 3-B of Title 15 to engage in employment as a door-
12 to-door solicitor, peddler, or itinerant vendor selling any type of goods or services
13 including magazines or periodicals or subscriptions to magazines or periodicals.

14 ~~D~~E. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms and phrases shall
15 have the meanings ascribed to them:

16 (1) "Bus" means a motor vehicle with a seating capacity of six or more
17 persons, exclusive of the operator, which is used in the transportation of passengers
18 for hire, excluding any vehicle leased without the provision of a driver.

19 (2) "Carnival or amusement ride" means either of the following:

1 (a) A device that is intended to give amusement, excitement, pleasure, or
2 thrills to riders whom the device carries along or around a fixed or restricted course
3 or within a defined area.

4 (b) A structure that gives amusement, excitement, pleasure, or thrills to
5 people who move around, over, or through the structure without the aid of a moving
6 device integral to the structure.

7 (3) "Taxicab" means all motor vehicles for hire, carrying six passengers or
8 less, including the driver thereof, which are subject to call from a garage, office, taxi
9 stand, or otherwise.

10 EF. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not
11 more than ten thousand dollars and imprisoned for not less than five years nor more
12 than ten years at hard labor. Three years shall be served without the benefit of
13 parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

14 FG. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to a person ordered by
15 the court to register as a sex offender on or after August 15, 2010.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits sex offenders from working as door-to-door salesmen.

Present law prohibits sex offenders from seeking employment where they operate any bus, taxicab, or limousine for hire, engage in employment as a service worker who goes into a residence to provide any type of service, or operate any carnival or amusement ride (if the victim was a minor child).

Present law further provides for criminal penalties including a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for five to 10 years at hard labor, with three years to be served without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law retains present law and also prohibits sex offenders from working as door-to-door solicitors.

(Amends R.S. 15:553(D), (E), and (F); Adds R.S. 15:553(G))