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Abstract: Regarding the crime of Medicaid fraud, provides for the definition of "person" and provides for the determination of prior convictions.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the crime of Medicaid fraud, punishable by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, a fine of up to \$20,000, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "person" for the purposes of Medicaid fraud to include a natural or juridical person, including but not limited to a sole proprietorship, corporation, company, limited liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, or any other individual or entity.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a prior conviction can include a conviction from an equivalent state or federal conviction.

(Adds R.S. 14:70.1(D) and (E))