Regular Session, 2010

ACT No. 873

SENATE BILL NO. 132

4	BY SENATOR MORRELL
1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 137, relative to visitation rights; to prohibit
3	visitation rights of a family member in certain circumstances; to provide for an
4	effective date; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. Civil Code Article 137 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7	follows:
8	Art. 137. Denial of visitation; felony rape; death of a parent
9	<u>A.</u> In a proceeding in which visitation of a child is being sought by a natural
10	parent, if the child was conceived through the commission of a felony rape, the
11	natural parent who committed the felony rape shall be denied visitation rights and
12	contact with the child.
13	B. In a proceeding in which visitation of a child is being sought by a
14	family member, if the court determines, by a preponderance of the evidence,
15	<u>that the intentional criminal conduct of the family member resulted in the death</u>
16	of the parent of the child, the family member shall be denied visitation rights
17	and contact with the child.
18	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
20	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
21	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
	effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:

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