Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 324

BY SENATOR HEBERT

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Provides relative to obstruction of a highway of commerce. (8/15/10)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 14:96 and 14:97, relative to obstructing highways of commerce;
3	to provide for elements of the crime; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 14:96 and 14:97 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
6	follows:
7	§96. Aggravated obstruction of a highway of commerce
8	Aggravated obstruction of a highway of commerce is the intentional or
9	criminally negligent placing of anything, ~~or performance of any act,~~ on any railway,
10	railroad, navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport,
11	wherein it is foreseeable that human life might be endangered.
12	Whoever commits the crime of aggravated obstruction of a highway of
13	commerce shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen
14	years.
15	§97. Simple obstruction of a highway of commerce
16	Simple obstruction of a highway of commerce is the intentional or criminally
17	negligent placing of anything ~~or performance of any act~~ on any railway, railroad,

1   navigable waterway, road, highway, thoroughfare, or runway of an airport, which

2   will render movement thereon more difficult.

3   Whoever commits the crime of simple obstruction of a highway of commerce

4   shall be fined not more than ~~two hundred~~ dollars, or imprisoned for not more than

5   six months, or both.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for an element of the crime of obstruction of a highway of commerce
which includes "the performance of any act."

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the element of the crime of obstruction of a highway of commerce by
deleting "performance of any act."

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 14:96 and R.S. 14:97)

Coding: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law;
words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.