

SENATE BILL NO. 72

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:103(A)(7) and (8) and (B)(2), and to enact R.S. 14:103(C), relative to the crime of disturbing the peace; to provide relative to disturbing the peace at funerals; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:103(A)(7) and (8) and (B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 14:103(C) is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

§103. Disturbing the peace

A. Disturbing the peace is the doing of any of the following in such manner as would foreseeably disturb or alarm the public:

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(7) Intentionally engaging in any act or any utterance, gesture, or display designed to disrupt a funeral, **funeral route**, ~~funeral home viewing, funeral procession, wake, memorial service,~~ or burial of a deceased person **during the period beginning one hundred twenty minutes before and ending one hundred twenty minutes after the funeral or burial, within three hundred feet of the funeral or burial.**

(8)(a) Intentionally blocking, impeding, inhibiting, or in any other manner obstructing or interfering with **a funeral route.**

**(b) Intentionally blocking, impeding, inhibiting, or in any other manner obstructing or interfering, within five hundred feet, with** access into or from any

1 building or parking lot of a building in which a funeral, ~~wake, memorial service,~~ or  
2 burial is being conducted, or any burial plot or the parking lot of the cemetery in  
3 which a funeral, ~~wake, memorial service,~~ or burial is being conducted, **during the**  
4 **period beginning one hundred twenty minutes before and ending one hundred**  
5 **twenty minutes after the funeral or burial.**

6 B.(1) \* \* \*

7 (2) Whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace as provided for in  
8 Paragraphs (A)(7) and (8) of this Section shall be fined not more than ~~one~~ **five**  
9 hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

10 **C. Definitions. For purposes of Paragraphs (A)(7) and (8) of this**  
11 **Section:**

12 **(1) "Funeral" includes a funeral, funeral home viewing, wake, or**  
13 **memorial service.**

14 **(2) "Funeral route" means the route of ingress or egress from the**  
15 **location of a funeral or burial, including thirty feet from the outer edge of the**  
16 **outside lane of the route.**

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
21 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_