

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for the Code of Evidence

Effective date is August 1, 2025 unless otherwise noted

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<u>LSA-R.S.</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Act No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u>
✓ Art. 306.1 -----	Enact-----	18 -----	1-----	05/28/2025 ✓
✓ Art. 404(A)(4) -----	Enact-----	188 -----	2 ✓	
✓ Art. 804(B)(5) -----	Amend-----	346 -----	3 ✓	
✓ Art. 902(10) -----	Amend-----	477 -----	2 ✓	10/01/2027 ✓

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(Attorney)  
[Signature] on 7/24/2025  
(Revisor)

# ACT 18

ENROLLED

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 450

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, ORGERON, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TARVER, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

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AN ACT

To enact ~~Code of Evidence~~ Article 306.1, relative to the presumption of causation of injuries; to prohibit a presumption of causation in certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 306.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 306.1. Presumption of causation of injuries

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a claim for personal injury damages that is not raised pursuant to the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Law, the lack of a prior history of an illness, injury, or condition shall not create a presumption that an illness, injury, or condition was caused by the act that is the subject of the claim.

Section 2. It is the intent of the legislature to overrule *Housley v. Cerise*, 579 So. 2d 973 (La. 1991).

Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall have prospective application only and shall not apply to causes of action arising prior to the effective date of this Act.

[Acts 2025, No. 18]  
[Acts 2025 No. 18, eff. 5/29/2025]

[NOTE @ COE ART. 306.1]

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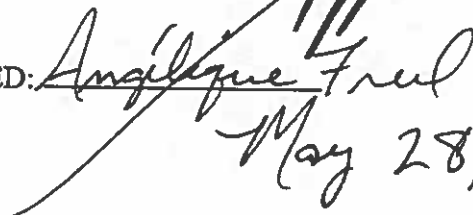
Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:



May 28, 2025

# ACT 188

ENROLLED

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 375

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:70.8(B) and (C) and 71.1(B) and (C) and to enact R.S. 14:70.8(D) and 71.1(D) and Code of Evidence Article 404(A)(4), relative to financial crimes; to provide penalties for subsequent convictions; to provide for admissible evidence; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:70.8(B) and (C) and 71.1(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:70.8(D) and 71.1(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§70.8. Illegal transmission of monetary funds

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B. Upon a second or subsequent conviction of a violation of the provisions of this Section, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than ten years and may, in addition, be required to pay a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars.

~~B. C.~~ In addition to the penalties provided for in Subsection A and B of this Section, a person convicted under the provisions of this Section shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim and to any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2. ~~If a person ordered to make restitution according to this Subsection is found to be indigent and therefore unable to make restitution in full at the time of conviction, then the court shall order a periodic payment plan consistent with the person's financial ability.~~

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~~E. D.~~ For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Radio signal" means any text, email, or any other wireless transmission from cellular phones, portable wireless electronic tablets or computers, or any other wireless device used to transmit or receive monetary transactions.

(2) "Wire" means any wired electronic device that provides access to the Internet or to any other access point and allows monetary transactions to be transmitted or received by email, financial institution-to-financial institution transfer, or money transfer facility.

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§71.1. Bank fraud

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B. Upon a second or subsequent conviction of a violation of the provisions of this Section, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year nor more than ten years and may, in addition, be required to pay a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars.

~~B. C.~~ In addition to the penalties provided in Subsection A of this Section, a person convicted under the provisions of this Section shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim and any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2. ~~If a person ordered to make restitution pursuant to this Section is found to be indigent and therefore unable to make restitution in full at the time of conviction, the court shall order a periodic payment plan consistent with the person's financial ability.~~

~~E. D.~~ As used in this Section, the term "financial institution" ~~has the same meaning as in R.S. 6:2(8)~~ means any federally insured depository institution chartered under the laws of the United States, this state, or any other state.

~~Section 2, Code of Evidence Article 404(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

Art. 404. Character evidence generally not admissible in civil or criminal trial to prove conduct; exceptions; other criminal acts

1 A. Character evidence generally. Evidence of a person's character or a trait  
2 of his character, such as a moral quality, is not admissible in a civil or criminal  
3 proceeding for the purpose of proving that he acted in conformity therewith on a  
4 particular occasion, except:

5 \* \* \*


6 (4) In any prosecution for a violation of R.S. 14:71.1 or ~~R.S. 14:72.2~~, the  
7 prosecution may enter as evidence any of the following of a perpetrator's intent to  
8 deceive or defraud:

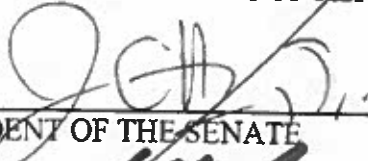
9 (a) Any previously cashed or deposited counterfeit or forged check or other  
10 monetary instrument.

11 (b) Evidence regarding any previous attempt to cash or deposit a counterfeit  
12 or forged check or other monetary instrument.


13 (c) Evidence of a verbal or written communication, including but not limited  
14 to a warning, by a law enforcement agent with the perpetrator regarding the cashing  
15 or depositing of a forged or counterfeit check or other monetary instrument suspected  
16 of being part of a fraudulent scheme or warning the perpetrator that such transaction  
17 could be in violation of state or federal criminal laws.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  Antiqua Final June 8, 2025

# ACT 346

ENROLLED

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, COX, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FISHER, KERNER, JACOB LANDRY, MOORE, OWEN, PHELPS, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, THOMPSON, WILDER, WILEY, AND ZERINGUE

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact ~~Code of Criminal Procedure~~ Article 571.1 and ~~Code of Evidence~~  
3 Article 804(B)(5) and to enact R.S. 14:42.1(A)(3), relative to sex offenses involving  
4 minors; to provide for an additional circumstance that constitutes second degree  
5 rape; to provide relative to the time limitations upon which to institute prosecution  
6 for certain sex offenses; to provide relative to hearsay exceptions in certain  
7 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:42.1(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §42.1. Second degree rape

11 A. Second degree rape is rape committed when the anal, oral, or vaginal  
12 sexual intercourse is deemed to be without the lawful consent of the victim because  
13 it is committed under any one or more of the following circumstances:

14 \* \* \*

15 (3) When the offender acts without the consent of the victim, the victim is  
16 thirteen years of age or older but less than seventeen years of age, and the difference  
17 between the age of the victim and the age of the offender is three years or greater.  
18 Lack of knowledge of the victim's age shall not be a defense.

19 \* \* \*

1 Section 2. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 571.1 is hereby amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3 Art. 571.1. Time limitation for certain sex offenses

4 Except as provided by Article 571, 572, or any other provision of law that  
5 establishes a longer period of limitation, the time within which to institute  
6 prosecution of the following sex offenses, regardless of whether the crime involves  
7 force, serious physical injury, death, or is punishable by imprisonment at hard labor  
8 shall be thirty years: attempted first degree rape, also formerly titled aggravated rape  
9 (R.S. 14:27, R.S. 14:42), attempted second degree rape, also formerly titled forcible  
10 rape (R.S. 14:27, R.S. 14:42.1), sexual battery (R.S. 14:43.1), second degree sexual  
11 battery (R.S. 14:43.2), oral sexual battery (R.S. 14:43.3), human trafficking (R.S.  
12 14:46.2(B)(2) or (3)), trafficking of children for sexual purposes (R.S. 14:46.3);  
13 felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile (R.S. 14:80), indecent behavior with juveniles  
14 (R.S. 14:81), pornography involving juveniles (R.S. 14:81.1), prostitution of persons  
15 under eighteen (R.S. 14:82.1), enticing persons into prostitution (R.S. 14:86), crime  
16 against nature (R.S. 14:89), aggravated crime against nature (R.S. 14:89.1), crime  
17 against nature by solicitation (R.S. 14:89.2(B)(3)) that involves a victim under  
18 eighteen years of age. perpetration or attempted perpetration of conspiracy to  
19 commit, or commission of any sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541(24) that  
20 involves a victim under eighteen years of age shall be thirty years. This thirty-year  
21 period begins to run when the victim attains the age of eighteen.

22 Section 3. Code of Evidence Article 804(B)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to  
23 read as follows:

24 Art. 804. Hearsay exceptions; declarant unavailable

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26 B. Hearsay exceptions. The following are not excluded by the hearsay rule  
27 if the declarant is unavailable as a witness:

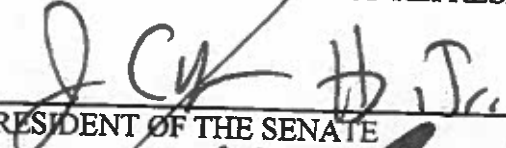
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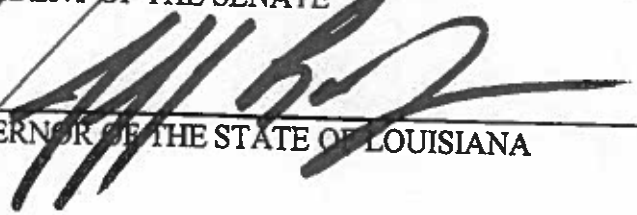
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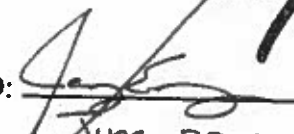
(5) Complaint of sexually assaultive behavior. A statement made by a person under the age of ~~twelve~~ thirteen years and the statement is one of initial or otherwise trustworthy complaint of sexually assaultive behavior.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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June 20, 2025

**ACT 477**  
**2025 Regular Session**  
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- Note: - NOTE § 19  
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# ACT 477

ENROLLED

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 617

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, LACOMBE, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BASS, BOUDREAUX, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, HENRY, MCMATH, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, REESE, SELTERS, AND WHEAT

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Note: SEE ATTACHED EDIT SHEET

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact ~~Children's Code~~ Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F),  
3 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519, ~~Code of~~  
4 ~~Evidence~~ Article 902(10), R.S. ~~6:333(F)(14)~~, R.S. ~~9:315.16(A)~~, 315.40(1) and (3),  
5 399.1(A) and (F)(3) and (4), and 406(B)(2) and (C)(2), R.S. ~~11:441.1(F)~~, R.S. ~~13:998~~  
6 (B) and (E)(1) and (3), <sup>(Intro. Par.)</sup> 1141(B) and (E)(1) and (3), <sup>(Intro. Par.)</sup> 1414(B) and (E)(1) and (3), <sup>(Intro. Par.)</sup>  
7 4291(B)(1), and 5108.2, R.S. ~~15:587(A)(2)(a) and (b)~~, 587.1(I), and 587.5(A)(4),  
8 R.S. ~~17:192.1(A)(1)(a) and (3)~~, R.S. ~~23:1605(A)(4)~~, R.S. ~~36:3(7)~~, 8(E)(2)(d), 9(C),  
9 471(B) and (C)(1), 472(A), 475.1(B) and (C), 476, and 477, R.S. ~~40:34.5(E)~~,  
10 46.12(D) and (F), and 1061.14(B)(3)(b)(i), R.S. ~~43:111(A)(8)~~, R.S. ~~44:38~~, R.S.  
11 ~~46:51~~(introductory paragraph), 51.3, 233.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and  
12 (D)(introductory paragraph), 236.1.1(3), 236.1.4(E), 236.1.8(D), 236.3(A)(2),  
13 236.10(A), 236.11(C), 236.12(B)(1), 236.14(D)(1)(introductory paragraph),  
14 236.15(A)(1), 236.16, 238(B), (C), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph) and (7), and (F),  
15 281, 1002(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C), and 2136.2(F), R.S.  
16 ~~47:299.11(1)~~, 299.41(B), 463.112(C), and 9027(C)(10)(introductory paragraph) and  
17 (c), and R.S. ~~51:1442(4)~~ and to repeal R.S. 36:474(A)(11) and (G) and 477(B)(2) and

R.S. 46:51(2) and (14) and 233.1(A) and (B), relative to the organization of the Department of Children and Family Services; to create the office of child support and the office of child welfare; to eliminate the office of children and family services; to transfer the duties of certain offices within the Department of Children and Family Services; to remove outdated provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. ~~Children's Code~~ Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F), 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 509. Development of interagency protocols; drafting committee membership; meetings; compliance deadline

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B. At a minimum, each committee shall include the following members:

(1) A representative of the office of ~~children and family services~~; child welfare. Department of Children and Family Services.

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Art. 512. Composition of the multidisciplinary investigative team

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B. Governmental entities that have responsibilities imposed by law for the investigation of child abuse include:

(1) The office of ~~children and family services~~; child welfare. Department of Children and Family Services.

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Art. 522. Applicability

A. A child advocacy center is established and becomes subject to the provisions of this Chapter when all of the following have been accomplished:

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(2) An agreement to use the services of a child advocacy center has been executed by representatives of the district attorney, the office of ~~children and family~~

1 Art. 1283.2. Permissible reimbursement of expenses

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3 H. A copy of the Adoption Disclosure Affidavit and all orders of the court  
4 pursuant to this Article shall be mailed to the office of ~~children and family services;~~  
5 child welfare, Department of Children and Family Services.

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7 Art. 1285.2. Permissible reimbursement of expenses

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9 H. A copy of the Adoption Disclosure Affidavit and all orders of the court  
10 pursuant to this Article shall be mailed to the office of ~~children and family services;~~  
11 child welfare, Department of Children and Family Services.

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13 Art. 1519. Hearing

14 The petition shall be set for hearing on the record unless specifically waived  
15 by the court. If the Department of Children and Family Services, office of ~~children  
16 and family services;~~ child welfare, has recommended that the petition for voluntary  
17 transfer of custody be filed, a representative for the department shall testify at the  
18 hearing with particularity the reasons for the recommendation. Further, the  
19 department representative shall specify why a child in need of care petition should  
20 not be filed and shall testify regarding the preventative services offered by the  
21 department to the petitioner to prevent the transfer of custody.

22 Section 2. Code of Evidence Article 902(10) is hereby amended and ~~retracted~~ to  
23 read as follows:

24 Art. 902. Self-authentication

25 Extrinsic evidence of authenticity as a condition precedent to admissibility  
26 is not required with respect to the following:

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28 (10) Labor reports. A copy of a report from ~~the Louisiana~~ <sup>Works</sup> ~~Workforce~~  
29 ~~Commission~~, or from any state or federal reporting agency, which is in the  
30 possession of a field officer of the ~~support enforcement services program,~~ office of

(SEE ACT 418 § 18)

1 ~~children and family, office of child support,~~ Department of Children and Family  
2 Services, introduced as evidence in any child or spousal support proceeding. "Field  
3 officer" means any person designated or authorized as a field officer pursuant to the  
4 provisions of R.S. 46:236.1.8.

5 Section 3. R.S. 6:333(F)(14) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §333. Disclosure of financial records; reimbursement of costs

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8 F. The following disclosures by a bank or any affiliate are hereby  
9 specifically authorized and, except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, nothing  
10 in this Section shall prohibit, restrict, or otherwise apply to:

11 \* \* \*

12 (14) The disclosure by a bank or any affiliate of data match information on  
13 an individual to the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services; or  
14 his designee in the office of ~~children and family services, child support enforcement~~  
15 ~~section,~~ for use in attempting to establish, modify, or enforce a child support  
16 obligation of such individual. Such disclosure to the department shall be limited to  
17 the name, record address, social security or taxpayer identification number, and an  
18 average daily account balance for the most recent thirty-day period, of a noncustodial  
19 parent who maintains an account at such institution and who owes past-due support  
20 as identified by the state by name and social security or taxpayer identification  
21 number. The disclosure authorization provided for in this Paragraph shall apply to  
22 all co-owners listed on the applicable account.

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24 Section 4. R.S. 9:315.16(A), 315.40(1) and (3), ~~399.1(A) and (F)(3) and (4), and~~  
25 ~~406(B)(2) and (C)(2)~~ are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

26 §315.16. Review of guidelines

27 A. The guidelines set forth in this Part shall be reviewed by the legislature  
28 not less than once every four years. A review of the guidelines shall take place in  
29 2012 and every four years thereafter, and it shall be the responsibility of the office  
30 of ~~children and family services, child support, enforcement section of the~~

HB NO. 617

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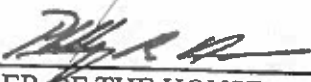
Section 19. This Act shall become effective only if the Act which originated as House Bill No. 624 of this 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted. If House Bill


No. 624 is enacted then:

(A) Sections 1 through 9 and 11 through 18 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2027.

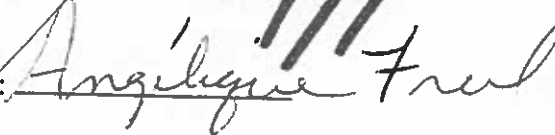
(B) Section 10 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

[NOTE ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT]

  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 20, 2025