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HOUSE BILL NO. 58

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CRIME: Provides relative to the elements of simple burglary

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:62(A), relative to the offense of simple burglary; to provide  
3 for elements of simple burglary; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:62(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §62. Simple burglary

7 A. Simple burglary is either of the following:

8 (1) ~~the~~ The unauthorized entering of any dwelling, vehicle, watercraft, or  
9 other structure, movable or immovable, or any cemetery, with the intent to commit  
10 a felony or any theft therein, other than as set forth in R.S. 14:60.

11 (2) The unauthorized entering of any dwelling or other structure with the  
12 intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the owner, lessee, or tenant of full use  
13 of the dwelling or structure, or to temporarily or permanently assert any right of  
14 ownership or use of such property.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds an additional element to the crime of simple burglary.

Present law provides for the offense of simple burglary and provides for elements of the offense as well as penalties.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that an alternative element of simple burglary is the unauthorized entering of any dwelling or other structure with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the owner, lessee, or tenant of full use of the dwelling or structure, or to temporarily or permanently assert any right of ownership or use of such property.

(Amends R.S. 14:62(A))