

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 507

BY SENATOR WHITE

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Provides additional penalties for certain persons during a gubernatorial declared public health or state of emergency. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:724(E), relative to a declared public health or state of
3 emergency; to provide for additional penalties for certain person; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:724 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §724. Powers of the governor

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9 E.(1) In the event of an emergency declared by the governor pursuant to this
10 Chapter, any person or representative of any firm, partnership, or corporation
11 violating any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to this Chapter, shall
12 be fined not more than five hundred dollars or confined in the parish jail for not more
13 than six months, or both. No executive order, proclamation, or regulation shall create
14 or define a crime or fix penalties.

15 **(2)(a) In addition to penalties provided in Paragraph (1) of this**
16 **Subsection, in the event of a public health emergency declared by the governor**
17 **pursuant to this Chapter that limits the number of individuals participating in**

participating in an assembly or gathering in an effort to contain or control the public health emergency, no person shall organize or participate in the gathering or assembly in violation of the proclamation. Provides that any person found in violation of proposed law shall be fined \$500 and may be confined to parish jail for not more than six months.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 29:724(E))