

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 732

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CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Authorizes the waiver of minimum mandatory sentences for certain crimes of violence

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 890.1(D), relative to waiver of
3 minimum mandatory sentences; to authorize the waiver of minimum mandatory
4 sentences for certain crimes of violence; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 890.1(D) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 890.1. Waiver of minimum mandatory sentences; procedure; exceptions

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10 D. ~~Nothing in~~ The provisions of this Article shall not apply to ~~a crime of~~
11 ~~violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 or to~~
12 any of the following crimes of violence:

- 13 (1) R.S. 14:28.1 (Solicitation for murder).
- 14 (2) R.S. 14:30 (First degree murder).
- 15 (3) R.S. 14:30.1 (Second degree murder).
- 16 (4) R.S. 14:31 (Manslaughter).
- 17 (5) R.S. 14:34.6 (Disarming of a peace officer).
- 18 (6) R.S. 14:34.7 (Aggravated second degree battery).
- 19 (7) R.S. 14:37.1 (Assault by drive by shooting).
- 20 (8) R.S. 14:37.4 (Aggravated assault with a firearm).

without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, the court, upon conviction, in sentencing the offender shall impose the sentence as provided in the penalty provisions for the offense unless either of the following occur:

- (1) The defendant enters a guilty plea pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement with the prosecution and the court which specifies that the sentence shall be served with benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence or specifies a reduced fine or term of confinement.
- (2) The prosecution, the defendant, and the court enter into a post-conviction agreement, which specifies that the sentence shall be served with benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, or specifies a reduced fine or term of confinement.

Present law provides that these provisions shall not apply to a crime of violence or a sex offense.

Proposed law amends present law and authorizes the waiver of minimum mandatory sentences pursuant to present law for certain offenses that are defined by present law as a crime of violence.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 890.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Deleted the proposed law provision which authorized the waiver of mandatory minimum sentences pursuant to present law for sex offenses.
2. Added aggravated battery and aggravated assault to the list of offenses for which the minimum mandatory sentence may be waived.