

ACT No. 728

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 816

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILFORD CARTER, DOMANGUE, FISHER, JACKSON,
LARVADAIN, AND ROMERO AND SENATORS ABRAHAM AND BARROW

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:202.1(D) and to enact R.S. 14:202.1(E), relative to
3 residential contractor fraud; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:202.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:202.1(E)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §202.1. Residential contractor fraud; penalties

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10 ~~D.(1)~~ In addition to the penalties provided by the provisions of this Section
11 in Subsection C of this Section, a person convicted of residential contractor fraud
12 shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim and any other person who has
13 suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense. For the purposes of this
14 Subsection, restitution to the victim shall include the cost of repairing work
15 fraudulently performed by the contractor and the cost of completing work for which
16 the contractor was paid but did not complete.

17 (2) A person sentenced under the provisions of Paragraph (C)(2), (3), or (4)
18 of this Section when the victim is sixty-five years of age or older, in addition to any
19 other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned, with or without
20 hard labor, for not more than five years to be served concurrently with the sentence
21 imposed.

1 E. Nothing in this Section shall preclude a victim from pursuing civil
2 remedies pursuant to R.S. 9:4856 or any other applicable provision of law.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____