

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 452

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

CRIMINAL RECORDS. Provides that members of the press have access to mug shots.
(8/1/12)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 44:3(A)(4)(b)(viii), relative to public records; to provide with respect to
3 records of prosecutive, investigative, and law enforcement agencies, and
4 communications districts; to provide relative to the initial report; to provide that the
5 photograph of any person arrested for an alleged offense shall be subject to
6 disclosure; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 44:3(A)(4)(b)(viii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3. Records of prosecutive, investigative, and law enforcement agencies, and
10 communications districts

11 A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require disclosures of
12 records, or the information contained therein, held by the offices of the attorney
13 general, district attorneys, sheriffs, police departments, Department of Public Safety
14 and Corrections, marshals, investigators, public health investigators, correctional
15 agencies, communications districts, intelligence agencies, or publicly owned water
16 districts of the state, which records are:

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1 (4) * * *

2 (b) The initial report shall set forth:

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4 **(viii) If requested pursuant to R.S. 44:1 the photograph of any person**
5 **arrested for an alleged offense.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

DIGEST

Present law provides that certain records or information contained therein which are held by law enforcement agencies and communication districts will not be subject to disclosure.

Proposed law provides that if requested pursuant to present law the photograph of any person arrested for an alleged offense will be disclosed.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 44:3(A)(4)(b)(viii))