2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Prohibits the issuance of a summons in lieu of an arrest for certain domestic violence crimes

1	AN ACT	
2	To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 211(E), relative to summons by an officer	
3	instead of arrest and booking; to provide an exception to the issuance of a summons	
4	by an officer instead of arrest and booking when certain domestic violence crimes	
5	have occurred; and to provide for related matters.	
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:	
7	Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 211(E) is hereby enacted to read as	
8	follows:	
9	Art. 211. Summons by officer instead of arrest and booking	
10	* * *	
11	E. The provisions of this Article shall not apply when the officer has	
12	reasonable grounds to believe a person committed domestic abuse battery, a violation	
13	of a protective order, stalking, or any other offense involving the use or threatened	
14	use of force or a deadly weapon upon the defendant's family member, as defined in	
15	R.S. 46:2132, upon the defendant's household member, as defined in R.S. 14:35.3,	
16	or upon the defendant's dating partner, as defined in R.S. 46:2151.	

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the issuance of a written summons instead of making custodial arrests in the occurrence of certain domestic violence crimes.

<u>Present law</u> requires a peace officer to issue a summons in lieu of making a custodial arrest in the following situations unless certain <u>present law</u> elements exist:

- (1) For a person without a warrant for a misdemeanor or felony charge of theft or illegal possession of stolen things.
- (2) For a person who is believed to have committed the offense of issuing worthless checks as defined by R.S. 14:71.
- (3) For a person who is believed to have committed an offense of driving without a valid driver's license or with a driver's license that has been revoked, suspended, or cancelled.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and specifies that a peace officer may not issue written summons instead of making custodial arrests in the occurrence of certain domestic violence crimes.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 211(E))