

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides that an individual with an ownership interest who has been granted a protective order or temporary restraining order or any other individual who has been granted exclusive use of the vehicle by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not be granted the exceptions provided under the prohibition against using tracking devices as provided in existing law (R.S. 14:323).

New law (R.S. 46:2191) defines "abuser", "covered act", "remote access technology", and "survivor".

New law (R.S. 46:2192) provides that a motor vehicle manufacturer shall suspend the remote access technology on a motor vehicle within two days of a complete remote access suspension request.

New law provides the requirements for a complete remote access suspension request.

New law provides that the remote access technology may remain disabled for the duration of the protective order, temporary restraining order, or judgment granting exclusive use of the motor vehicle.

New law provides that the motor vehicle manufacturer shall provide a process that includes a prominent and clearly visible link entitled "How to Disconnect Remote Vehicle Access" on the motor vehicle manufacturer's website.

New law shall not apply to a motor vehicle manufacturer that technologically is unable to disable the remote access technology on a motor vehicle.

New law (R.S. 46:2193) provides that a motor vehicle manufacturer shall be subject to a civil fine of \$10,000 per violation, not to exceed a sum of \$1,000,000. The attorney general may maintain a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover such fines.

New law establishes the "Survivor Empowerment Fund" for actions pursuant to new law.

New law (R.S. 46:2194) establishes a fund where all civil fines levied against a motor vehicle manufacturer in violation of new law are managed by the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. The fund is also composed of monies derived from appropriations by the legislature.

New law provides that the monies in the fund shall be used to assist victims of crime pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

New law (R.S. 46:2195) provides that a motor vehicle manufacturer may not require the survivor to pay a fee or any outstanding fines owed by the abuser or contact the abuser after the survivor submits a complete remote access suspension request in order to disable the remote access technology.

New law (R.S. 46:2196) provides that a motor vehicle manufacturer and any officer, director, employee, vendor, or agent thereof shall not be subject to liability for any claims deriving from the motor vehicle manufacturer's technological inability to disable the remote access technology.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 14:323(E) and R.S. 46:2191-2196)