

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Creates a statewide registry for individuals convicted of multiple domestic abuse offenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3-H of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 15:564 through 564.3, relative to reporting requirements of persons convicted
4 of multiple domestic abuse offenses; to provide for registration; to provide relative
5 to the duty of offenders to notify law enforcement; to provide relative to the failure
6 to register; to provide relative to the duration of registration requirements; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Chapter 3-H of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
10 comprised of R.S. 15:564 through 564.3, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3-H. DOMESTIC ABUSE REPEAT OFFENDER REGISTRY

§564. Registration of persons convicted of domestic abuse offenses

13 A. Any person residing in this state who has been convicted of the
14 commission or conspiracy to commit, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to the
15 commission or conspiracy to commit, a second or subsequent violation of any of the
16 following shall register and provide notification in accordance with the provisions
17 of this Chapter:

18 (1) R.S. 14:34.9 (Battery of a dating partner)

19 (2) R.S. 14:34.9.1 (Aggravated assault upon a dating partner)

20 (3) R.S. 14:35.3 (Domestic abuse battery)

(4) R.S. 14:37.7 (Domestic abuse aggravated assault)

(5) R.S. 14:40.2 (Stalking)

(6) R.S. 14:40.3 (Cyberstalking)

(7) R.S. 14:79 (Violation of protective orders)

B.(1) The court shall provide written notification to any person who commits
and or subsequent violation of any offense listed in Subsection A of this Section
the offender shall register on the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry
release, or as a condition of his probation or parole.

(2) An offender who is required to register pursuant to this Section shall

register in person with the sheriff of the parish of the person's residence, or residences, if there is more than one, and with the chief of police if the address of any of the person's residences is located in an incorporated area which has a police department. If the offender resides in a municipality with a population in excess of three hundred thousand persons, the offender shall register in person with the police department of his municipality of residence.

C.(1) No later than five business days after release, an offender who is

required to register shall register and provide all of the following information to the appropriate law enforcement agencies listed in Subsection B of this Section:

(a) Name and any aliases used by the offender.

(b) The offender's physical address or addresses of residence.

(c) Name and physical address of the offender's place of employment. If the offender does not have a fixed place of employment, the offender shall provide information with as much specificity as possible regarding the places where he is including but not limited to travel routes used by the offender.

(d) Name and physical address of the school in which he is a student.

(e) Two forms of proof of residence for each residential address provided, including but not limited to a driver's license, bill for utility service, and bill for one service. If those forms of proof of residence are not available, the offender provide an affidavit of an adult resident living at the same address. The

1 affidavit shall certify that the affiant understands his obligation to provide written
2 notice in the same manner as provided in R.S. 15:542.1.4(B) to the appropriate law
3 enforcement agency with whom the offender last registered when the offender no
4 longer resides at the residence provided in the affidavit.

5 (f) The crime for which the offender was convicted and the date and place
6 of such conviction, and if known by the offender, the court in which the conviction
7 was obtained, the docket number of the case, the specific statute under which he was
8 convicted, and the sentence imposed.

9 (g) A current photograph of the offender.

10 (h) The offender's telephone numbers, including fixed location phone and
11 mobile phone numbers assigned to the offender or associated with any residence
12 address of the offender.

13 (i) A description of every motorized vehicle registered to or operated by the
14 offender, including license plate number and vehicle identification number, and a
15 copy of the offender's driver's license or identification card. This information shall
16 be provided prior to the offender's operation of the vehicle.

17 (j) The offender's social security number and date of birth.

18 (k) A description of the physical characteristics of the offender, including but
19 not limited to sex, race, hair color, eye color, height, age, weight, scars, tattoos, or
20 other identifying marks on the body of the offender.

21 (l) Every email address of the offender.

22 (2)(a)(i) Failure to register as required in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection
23 constitutes a violation of this Chapter.

24 (ii) Knowingly providing false information to any law enforcement officer,
25 office, or agency required to receive registration information pursuant to the
26 provisions of this Chapter constitutes a failure to register.

27 (b) Upon conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand
28 dollars and imprisoned for not more than one year with or without hard labor.

1 D.(1) The offender shall pay to the appropriate law enforcement agencies
2 with whom he is required to register, except for the campus law enforcement agency
3 of an institution of postsecondary education, an annual registration fee of two
4 hundred fifty dollars to be allocated as follows:

5 (a) One hundred fifty dollars to defray the costs of maintaining the record of
6 the offender.

7 (b) One hundred dollars to the governor's office on women's policy for
8 domestic abuse intervention programming and services.

9 (2) The payment of the fee shall be made in accordance with any rule
10 regarding indigency adopted by the judges of the judicial district court in the
11 jurisdiction or as determined by criteria established by the Department of Public
12 Safety and Corrections. The offender shall pay the fee upon his initial registration
13 and on each subsequent anniversary of his initial registration.

14 (3) Failure by the offender to pay the annual registration fee constitutes a
15 failure to register and subjects the offender to prosecution under the provisions of
16 this Chapter. The offender shall not be prevented from registering in accordance
17 with this Section due to failure to pay the annual registration fee.

18 E. Upon receipt of the registration information as required by the provisions
19 of this Section, the law enforcement agency shall, by electronic means, immediately
20 forward the offender's information to the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification
21 and Information.

22 F. The offender registration and notification requirements required by this
23 Chapter are mandatory and shall not be waived or suspended by any court. Any
24 order waiving or suspending offender registration and notification requirements shall
25 be null, void, and of no effect. Any order waiving or suspending registration and
26 notification requirements shall not be construed to invalidate an otherwise valid
27 conviction, unless by joint written motion of the district attorney and the offender.

1 §564.1. Duties of the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information

2 A.(1) The Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall
3 develop and maintain the central registry known as the Domestic Abuse Repeat
4 Offender Registry. The registry shall contain the information transmitted to the
5 bureau pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. Upon receipt of the registration
6 and information of any person subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the bureau
7 shall immediately enter the appropriate information in the public registry. The
8 bureau shall accept electronically submitted information and registration renewal
9 information that is received from law enforcement.

10 (2)(a) The bureau shall provide for public access to the information
11 contained in the registry, including internet-based access, which shall have field-
12 search capabilities.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,
14 the following information is exempt from public access:

15 (i) Social security numbers.
16 (ii) Names of the victims or survivors of the offenses requiring registration.
17 (iii) Telephone numbers, subject to the provisions of Subparagraphs (c) and
18 (d) of this Paragraph.

19 (iv) Email addresses.

20 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,
21 the registry shall contain the ability to search by telephone numbers, email addresses,
22 online screen names, or other online identities to provide information to the person
23 conducting the search regarding whether or not that information has been linked to
24 a person convicted of an offense that requires registration pursuant to R.S.
25 15:564(A). This search shall not disclose the name or any other identifying
26 information about the offender to the person conducting the search, except to identify
27 that the information has been linked to a person convicted of an offense that requires
28 registration pursuant to R.S. 15:564(A).

1 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this
2 Paragraph, the bureau shall, upon request by any person or entity in a manner
3 prescribed by the bureau, provide a list of telephone numbers, email addresses,
4 online screen names, static internet protocol addresses, or other online identities of
5 persons in the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry for the purpose of
6 identifying and monitoring a registered user associated with the telephone number,
7 email address, online screen name, static internet protocol address, or other online
8 identity. The information provided to the person or entity shall not disclose the name
9 or other identifying information of the offender that is associated with, or who is
10 using, any of the telephone numbers, email addresses, online screen names, static
11 internet protocol addresses, or other online identities in the provided list.

12 (e) The bureau shall maintain a Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender
13 Notification and Registration website on the internet, which shall contain a
14 disclaimer informing the public of all of the following:

15 (i) The information contained on the site is obtained from offenders, and the
16 bureau does not guarantee its accuracy or completeness.

17 (ii) Members of the public are not allowed to use the information to harass
18 or threaten offenders or members of their families.

19 (iii) Harassment, stalking, or threats against offenders or their families shall
20 be a violation of Louisiana criminal laws.

21 B. The bureau shall develop and maintain the registry as to provide for
22 automatic email notifications at the time when an offender begins residence,
23 employment, or school attendance within a certain geographic radius or zip code.
24 This function of the registry shall allow members of the public and organizations to
25 request automatic email notifications to be sent to an email address provided by the
26 requestor for a certain geographic radius or zip code specified by the requestor.

27 C. The bureau is hereby designated as the state agency to receive information
28 regarding an out-of-state person who establishes a residence in this state pursuant to

1 R.S. 15:542.1.3 and has been convicted of a similar offense as those that require
2 registration pursuant to R.S. 15:564(A).

3 D. The bureau may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the
4 Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Chapter.

5 E.(1) The bureau shall provide for the capability for a social networking
6 website to compare the database of registered users of that social networking website
7 to the list of email addresses, instant message addresses, and other similar online
8 identifiers of persons in the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry.

9 (2) An entity operating a social networking website that uses the website to
10 compare its database of registered users to the list of email addresses, instant
11 message addresses, and other online identifiers of persons in the registry shall first
12 provide the bureau with all of the following information:

13 (a) The name, address, and telephone number of the entity operating the
14 social networking website.

15 (b) The legal nature and corporate status of the entity operating the social
16 networking website.

17 (c) A statement signed by the chief legal officer of the social networking
18 website to the effect that the information obtained from the registry shall not be
19 disclosed for any purpose other than for comparing the database of registered users
20 of the social networking website against the list of email addresses, instant message
21 addresses, and other online identifiers of persons contained in the state registry to
22 protect victims and survivors from abuse or neglect, and that disclosure of this
23 information for any other purpose is unlawful.

24 (d) The name, address, and telephone number of a natural person who is
25 authorized to receive service of process for the entity operating the social networking
26 website.

27 (3) After complying with the requirements of Paragraph (2) of this
28 Subsection, the entity operating the social networking website may screen users or
29 compare its database of registered users to the list of email addresses, instant

1 message addresses, and other online identifiers of persons contained in the Domestic
2 Abuse Repeat Offender Registry as frequently as the bureau will allow for the
3 purpose of identifying, monitoring, or removing a registered user associated with
4 email addresses, instant message addresses, and other online identifiers contained in
5 the registry.

6 (4) An entity operating a social networking website which complies with the
7 provisions of Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection and its directors, officers,
8 employees, or agents may claim such compliance as a defense to a claim for liability
9 arising against the entity or those persons.

10 §564.2. Duration of registration and notification period

11 A person required to register pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall
12 comply with the requirement to keep current his registration information for one year
13 from the date of initial registration in this state, five years if he is required to register
14 for a second time, and for the duration of the lifetime of the offender if he is required
15 to register for a third or subsequent time, unless the underlying conviction is
16 reversed, set aside, or vacated.

17 §564.3. Short title

18 This Chapter shall be referred to and may be cited as "The Purple Promise
19 Law".

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Walters

Abstract: Requires a person who is convicted of multiple domestic abuse offenses to register with local law enforcement agencies.

Proposed law creates the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry and requires the registration of any person residing in this state who has been convicted of the commission or conspiracy to commit, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to the commission or conspiracy to commit, a second or subsequent violation of any of the following offenses:

- (1) R.S. 14:34.9 (Battery of a dating partner)
- (2) R.S. 14:34.9.1 (Aggravated assault upon a dating partner)

- (3) R.S. 14:35.3 (Domestic abuse battery)
- (4) R.S. 14:37.7 (Domestic abuse aggravated assault)
- (5) R.S. 14:40.2 (Stalking)
- (6) R.S. 14:40.3 (Cyberstalking)
- (7) R.S. 14:79 (Violation of protective orders)

Proposed law requires the court to provide written notification to the offender of his obligation to register upon release, or as a condition of his probation or parole.

Proposed law requires the offender to register with the appropriate law enforcement agency and outlines the information required for registration.

Proposed law provides for a registration fee of \$250, payable to the appropriate law enforcement agencies with whom the offender is required to register, to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$150 to defray the costs of maintaining the record of the offender.
- (2) \$100 to the governor's office on women's policy for domestic abuse intervention programming and services.

Proposed law provides for payment of the fee and provides that failure to pay the annual fee constitutes a failure to register that is punishable pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires the appropriate law enforcement agency to immediately forward the offender's information electronically to the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law provides that the offender registration and notification requirements required by proposed law are mandatory and shall not be waived or suspended by any court. Further provides that any order waiving or suspending registration and notification requirements shall not be construed to invalidate an otherwise valid conviction, unless by joint written motion of the district attorney and the offender.

Proposed law provides for the duties of the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification as follows:

- (1) Maintaining the central registry known as the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry and entering the appropriate information in the registry.
- (2) Providing public access to the information contained in the registry, including internet-based access, with field-search capabilities and exemptions for particular information.
- (3) Providing for automatic email notifications at the time when an offender begins residence, employment, or school attendance within a certain geographic radius or zip code.
- (4) Receiving information regarding an out-of-state person convicted of a similar offense as those provided in proposed law who establishes a residence in this state pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:542.1.3).
- (5) Promulgating rules and regulations in accordance with the APA to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(6) Providing a social networking website with the capability of comparing its database of registered users to the list of email addresses, instant message addresses, and other similar online identifiers of persons in the registry.

Proposed law provides for the following registration periods:

- (1) One year from the date of initial registration.
- (2) Five years if the offender is required to register for a second time.
- (3) The lifetime of the offender if he is required to register for a third or subsequent time.

Proposed law provides an exception to these registration periods if the underlying conviction is reversed, set aside, or vacated.

Proposed law shall be referred to and may be cited as "The Purple Promise Law".

(Adds R.S. 15:564-564.3)