
DIGEST

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Knox

Abstract: Increases the penalties for certain domestic violence offenses that involve strangulation.

Present law (R.S. 14:34.9) provides for the crime of battery of a dating partner.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the battery of a dating partner involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years.

Proposed law amends present law to change the maximum penalty from three years to 10 years. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 14:35.3) provides for the crime of domestic abuse battery.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the domestic abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to present law, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years.

Proposed law amends present law to change the maximum penalty from three years to 10 years. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1))