

Proposed law provides that the bureau will have certain duties related to the creation, operation, and maintenance of the Habitual Domestic Violence Offender Registry that include but are not limited to:

- (1) Maintaining a central publicly accessible registry subject to certain confidentiality provisions for specified information.
- (2) Receiving information regarding out-of-state offenders who establish a residence in La. and are convicted of offenses in other states that would require registration had the convictions been obtained in La.
- (3) Promulgating rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement proposed law.
- (4) Implementing certain information-sharing capabilities with social networking websites for the purpose of identifying or monitoring registered users.

Proposed law creates the crime of failure to register and notify as a habitual domestic violence offender and provides that it is a violation for:

- (1) A habitual domestic violence offender to:
 - (a) Fail to register as ordered by the court.
 - (b) Knowingly provide false or outdated registration information.
 - (c) Fail to notify, within 14 days, any law enforcement officer, office, or agency required to receive registration information of changes or updates to registration information.
 - (d) Fail to provide notice of registration to a local or campus police department, as applicable, within 14 days.
- (2) A person who certifies by affidavit the address of an offender to a law enforcement agency to fail to send written notice to the same law enforcement agency notifying it, within the designated time period, that:
 - (a) The offender no longer resides at the address provided in the affidavit any time the offender is absent from the residence for a period of 30 days. The notification must be sent within three days of the end of the 30-day period.
 - (b) Either the offender or the affiant vacates the residence with the intent to establish a new residence at another location. This notification must be sent within three days of the offender or the affiant vacating the residence with the requisite intent.

Proposed law provides that an offender who fails to register as required by proposed law will be

fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both, and will have any outstanding probation revoked.

Proposed law provides that an affiant who violates proposed law will be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law provides that the implementation of proposed law will be subject to the appropriation of necessary funds by the legislature.

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