

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

CHILDREN/ABUSE: Provides relative to the minimum sentencing for child domestic abuse convictions

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:35.3(I), relative to domestic abuse battery; to provide for
3 penalties when a child is present; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:35.3(I) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §35.3. Domestic abuse battery

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8 I. This Subsection shall be cited as the "Domestic Abuse Child
9 Endangerment Law". Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when
10 the state proves, in addition to the elements of the crime as set forth in Subsection
11 A of this Section, that a minor child thirteen years of age or younger was present at
12 the residence or any other scene at the time of the commission of the offense, the
13 offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall
14 be imprisoned at hard labor for not ~~more~~ less than three years nor more than six
15 years.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the penalty for domestic abuse battery in the presence of a child 13 years or younger from up to three years at hard labor to three to six years at hard labor.

Present law provides for the crime and penalty of domestic abuse battery.

Present law provides that when domestic abuse battery is committed in the presence of a minor child aged 13 or younger, in addition to the standard penalty, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor for up to three years.

Proposed law increases the enhanced penalty from up to three years to three to six years. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:35.3(I))