

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. 14:34.9(I) and 35.3(I), relative to battery of a dating partner and
3 domestic abuse battery; to provide for penalties when a child is present; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34.9(I) and 35.3(I) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §34.9. Battery of a dating partner

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10 I. This Subsection shall be cited as the "Dating Partner Abuse Child
11 Endangerment Law". Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when
12 the state proves, in addition to the elements of the crime as set forth in Subsection
13 A of this Section, that a minor child thirteen years of age or younger was present at
14 the residence or any other scene at the time of the commission of the offense, the
15 offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall
16 be imprisoned at ~~hard labor for not more than three years.~~ as follows:

17 (1) For a first offense, not less than one year nor more than three years at
18 hard labor.

Proposed law increases the imprisonment penalty for battery of a dating partner when a child aged 13 or younger is present from up to three years to one to three years for a first offense and three to six years for a second or subsequent offense.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.9(I) and 35.3(I))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Increases the imprisonment penalty for battery of a dating partner and domestic abuse battery from up to six years to one to three years for a first offense and three to six years for a second or subsequent offense.