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## DIGEST

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HB 275 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Increases the penalty for domestic abuse battery and battery of a dating partner in the presence of a child 13 years or younger.

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 one to three years for a first offense and three to six years for a second or subsequent offense.

Present law provides for the crime of battery of a dating partner, with a penalty of up to three years imprisonment in instances where a child aged 13 or younger is present.

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.