

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 364

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

POLICE/LOCAL: Requires police departments to provide notice of illegal discharge of a firearm

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1381.1, relative to public service announcements; to provide notice to the
3 public regarding the discharge of weapons in public; to provide for public messaging
4 by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for dissemination of
5 public awareness activities; to provide for collaboration with the Louisiana
6 Department of Health and municipal police departments; to provide for rulemaking;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1381.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1381.1. Public awareness; discharge of firearm

11 A. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police,
12 shall conduct public awareness activities designed to promote the prevention of
13 discharging firearms into the air in public areas where discharging a firearm is
14 prohibited. The public awareness activities shall include but not be limited to public
15 service announcements via radio, television, and social media, information kits and
16 brochures, promotion of relevant telephone hotlines, and provision of information,
17 regarding the danger of, and criminal penalties for, discharging a firearm into the air
18 in public areas where prohibited.

