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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 278

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CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Requests the Louisiana Dept. of Justice to receive input, feedback, and suggestions relative to the framework and efficiency of electronic monitoring laws and regulations

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Justice to conduct a comprehensive review
3 of the statutory framework and administrative procedures relative to electronic
4 monitoring in this state and to receive feedback and input from relevant stakeholders
5 to identify efficiencies, deficiencies, and conflicts within the existing statutory
6 framework that governs electronic monitoring providers and practices.

7 WHEREAS, the use of electronic monitoring as a tool for pretrial supervision,
8 post-conviction release, and the protection of victims and the public has expanded
9 significantly within the Louisiana criminal justice system; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has enacted critical legislation to establish
11 initial standards for electronic monitoring providers and the reporting of noncompliance; and

12 WHEREAS, despite these advancements, the existing statutory framework remains
13 fragmented across various statutes, including R.S. 14:110.2, R.S. 15:571.36 through 571.38
14 and 835, and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 894.2, which may lead to inconsistencies
15 in enforcement and reporting and gaps in oversight; and

16 WHEREAS, a uniform and practical set of guidelines and procedures is necessary
17 to ensure the integrity of electronic monitoring data, the prompt reporting of violations to
18 law enforcement, and the effective registration and inspection of electronic monitoring
19 providers; and

1 WHEREAS, feedback from stakeholders within the criminal justice system and a
2 comparative analysis of the regulatory models utilized in other states and jurisdictions would
3 assist Louisiana in developing a more robust framework for the permitting, regulation, and
4 oversight of electronic monitoring providers and technology.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Justice
7 to conduct a comprehensive review of the statutory framework and administrative
8 procedures relative to electronic monitoring in this state and to receive feedback and input
9 from relevant stakeholders to identify efficiencies, deficiencies, and conflicts within the
10 existing statutory framework that governs electronic monitoring providers and practices.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this review, the Louisiana
12 Department of Justice shall include consideration of all of the following:

13 (1) Identification of current efficiencies, deficiencies, and potential conflicts in
14 existing statutes and administrative rules relative to electronic monitoring.

15 (2) Analysis of the electronic monitoring laws of other states, with a focus on
16 methods for permitting, fee structures, and the frequency of inspections.

17 (3) Development of recommendations for a comprehensive system of registration
18 and oversight to ensure all electronic monitoring providers operating in this state meet
19 rigorous technical and reporting standards.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Justice may receive
21 testimony, feedback, input, and data from all of the following:

22 (1) The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

23 (2) The Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

24 (3) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, including the offices of
25 probation and parole and juvenile justice.

26 (4) The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal
27 Justice.

28 (5) The office of the state public defender.

29 (6) Representatives of the electronic monitoring provider industry.

30 (7) Any other relevant stakeholders.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Justice shall submit
2 a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on
3 Administration of Criminal Justice no later than sixty days prior to the start of the 2027
4 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 attorney general for the state of Louisiana.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
8 report produced pursuant to this Resolution be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative
9 Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Dept. of Justice to conduct a comprehensive review of the statutory framework and administrative procedures relative to electronic monitoring in the state of La. and to receive feedback and input from relevant stakeholders to identify efficiencies, deficiencies, and conflicts within the existing statutory framework that governs electronic monitoring providers and practices.

Requires the La. Dept. of Justice to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice no later than 60 days prior to the start of the 2027 R.S. of the Legislature of La.