## **DIGEST**

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Dorsey HB No. 114

**Abstract:** Increases the criminal penalties for failure to register as a sex offender.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the following:

- (1) For the first failure to register as a sex offender, a fine of not more that \$1,000 or imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.
- (2) For a second or subsequent offense, the fine is not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than three nor more than 10 years, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the penalty for failure to register as a sex offender and provides for the following:

- (1) For the first failure to register as a sex offender, a fine up to \$1,000 and a term of imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than 10 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.
- (2) For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of \$3,000 and a term of imprisonment not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 15:542(F))