
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a person who is convicted of multiple domestic abuse offenses to register with local law enforcement agencies.

Proposed law creates the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry and requires the registration of any person residing in this state who has been convicted of the commission or conspiracy to commit, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to the commission or conspiracy to commit, a second or subsequent violation of any of the following offenses:

- (1) R.S. 14:34.9 (Battery of a dating partner)
- (2) R.S. 14:34.9.1 (Aggravated assault upon a dating partner)
- (3) R.S. 14:35.3 (Domestic abuse battery)
- (4) R.S. 14:37.7 (Domestic abuse aggravated assault)
- (5) R.S. 14:40.2 (Stalking)
- (6) R.S. 14:40.3 (Cyberstalking)
- (7) R.S. 14:79 (Violation of protective orders)

Proposed law requires the court to provide written notification to the offender of his obligation to register upon release, or as a condition of his probation or parole.

Proposed law requires the offender to register with the appropriate law enforcement agency and outlines the information required for registration.

Proposed law provides for a registration fee of \$250, payable to the appropriate law enforcement agencies with whom the offender is required to register, to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$150 to defray the costs of maintaining the record of the offender.
- (2) \$100 to the governor's office on women's policy for domestic abuse intervention programming and services.

Proposed law provides for payment of the fee and provides that failure to pay the annual fee

constitutes a failure to register that is punishable pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires the appropriate law enforcement agency to immediately forward the offender's information electronically to the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law provides that the offender registration and notification requirements required by proposed law are mandatory and shall not be waived or suspended by any court. Further provides that any order waiving or suspending registration and notification requirements shall not be construed to invalidate an otherwise valid conviction, unless by joint written motion of the district attorney and the offender.

Proposed law provides for the duties of the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification as follows:

- (1) Maintaining the central registry known as the Domestic Abuse Repeat Offender Registry and entering the appropriate information in the registry.
- (2) Providing public access to the information contained in the registry, including internet-based access, with field-search capabilities and exemptions for particular information.
- (3) Providing for automatic email notifications at the time when an offender begins residence, employment, or school attendance within a certain geographic radius or zip code.
- (4) Receiving information regarding an out-of-state person convicted of a similar offense as those provided in proposed law who establishes a residence in this state pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:542.1.3).
- (5) Promulgating rules and regulations in accordance with the APA to implement the provisions of proposed law.
- (6) Providing a social networking website with the capability of comparing its database of registered users to the list of email addresses, instant message addresses, and other similar online identifiers of persons in the registry.

Proposed law provides for the following registration periods:

- (1) One year from the date of initial registration.
- (2) Five years if the offender is required to register for a second time.
- (3) The lifetime of the offender if he is required to register for a third or subsequent time.

Proposed law provides an exception to these registration periods if the underlying conviction is reversed, set aside, or vacated.

Proposed law shall be referred to and may be cited as "The Purple Promise Law".

(Adds R.S. 15:564-564.3)