

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 623 (HB 160)

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Knox

Existing law (R.S. 14:34.9) provides for the crime of battery of a dating partner.

Prior law provided that, if the battery of a dating partner involved strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to existing law, was required to be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years.

New law repeals prior law. New law provides for 10 years of imprisonment at hard labor, with at least one year of the sentence imposed being served without the benefit of probation or suspension of sentence, for an offender who commits the crime of battery of a dating partner involving strangulation.

Existing law (R.S. 14:35.3) provides for the crime of domestic abuse battery.

Prior law provided that if the domestic abuse battery involved strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to existing law, was required to be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three years.

New law repeals prior law. New law provides for 10 years of imprisonment at hard labor, with at least one year of the sentence imposed being served without the benefit of probation or suspension of sentence, for an offender who commits the crime of domestic abuse battery involving strangulation.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1))