

Prior law provided that on a conviction of a second offense of domestic abuse battery, the offender shall be fined not less than \$750 nor more than \$1,000 and shall be imprisoned for not less than 60 days nor more than six months. At least 96 hours of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

New law amends prior law to increase the minimum mandatory sentence from 96 hours to 14 days without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, and requires the offender to participate in a court-approved domestic abuse prevention program.

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