

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 328

BY REPRESENTATIVE LOPINTO

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides for confidentiality of information relating to the execution of a death sentence

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:569(E), relative to execution of a death sentence; to provide with respect
3 to the confidentiality of information involving the manufacturing and compounding
4 of a lethal injection; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:569(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §569. Place for execution of death sentence; manner of execution

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9 E. The name, address, qualifications, and other identifying information of
10 any person or entity that manufactures, compounds, prescribes, dispenses, supplies,
11 or administers the drugs or supplies utilized in an execution shall be confidential,
12 shall not be subject to disclosure, and shall not be admissible as evidence or
13 discoverable in any action of any kind in any court or before any tribunal, board,
14 agency, or person. The same confidentiality and protection shall also apply to any
15 person who participates in an execution or performs any ancillary function related
16 to an execution and shall not include information contained in any department
17 records, including electronic records, that would identify such persons.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for confidentiality of information related to the execution of a death sentence.

Present law provides for the manner of execution of a death sentence.

Proposed law retains these provisions of present law.

Proposed law provides that the name, address, qualifications, and other identifying information of any person or entity that manufactures, compounds, prescribes, dispenses, supplies, or administers the drugs or supplies utilized in an execution shall be confidential, shall not be subject to disclosure, and shall not be admissible as evidence or discoverable in any action of any kind.

Proposed law provides that the same confidentiality applies to any person who participates in an execution.

(Adds R.S. 15:569(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Deleted all references to death by electrocution.
2. Added provisions for the confidentiality of the identity of persons supplying drugs for a lethal injection and of persons participating in or performing an execution.