

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 272

2015 Regular Session

Billiot

VETERANS: Amends eligibility requirements to participate in the Veterans Court program

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds a provision that excludes a defendant from participating in the program if the crime before the court is any sex offense that requires registration.
2. Removes requirement for the consent of the victim prior to determination of eligibility if the crime before the court is a crime of violence.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law excludes a defendant from participating in the Veterans Court program if the defendant's crime being considered before the court is a crime of violence as defined in present law or if the defendant has a prior felony offense or other pending criminal proceedings alleging commission of a crime of violence.

Proposed law expands participation in the Veterans Court program by excluding only those defendants:

- (1) Who have a prior felony conviction for homicide.
- (2) Whose crime before the court is: (a) an offense defined as a homicide; (b) a sex offense requiring registration; (c) a crime of violence, unless the entire sentence is deferred or suspended pursuant to law; or (d) a second or subsequent offense for domestic abuse battery.

Proposed law also excludes defendants who are before the court on a first offense for domestic abuse battery, unless the defendant has complied with the domestic abuse battery sentencing requirements in present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:5366(B)(9)(a) and (b))