

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5366(B)(9)(a) and (b), relative to the Veterans Court
3 program; to provide for eligibility for participation in the Veterans Court program;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5366(B)(9)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §5366. The Veterans Court program

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10 B. Participation in probation programs shall be subject to the following
11 provisions:

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13 (9) In order to be eligible for the Veterans Court program, the defendant
14 must satisfy each of the following criteria:

15 (a) The defendant cannot have any prior felony convictions for any offenses
16 defined as ~~crimes of violence in R.S. 14:2(B)~~ a homicide in R.S. 14:29.

17 (b) The crime before the court cannot be ~~a crime of violence as defined in~~
18 ~~R.S. 14:2(B)~~ any of the following:

19 (i) Any offense defined as a homicide in R.S. 14:29.

20 (ii) Any sex offense requiring registration under R.S. 15:540 et seq.

21 (iii) A crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), unless the entire
22 sentence may be deferred or suspended pursuant to the provisions of Louisiana law.

1 (iv) A second or subsequent offense for domestic abuse battery. If the crime
2 before the court is a first offense for domestic abuse battery, the defendant shall
3 comply with the sentencing requirements provided for in R.S. 14:35.3(C).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____