

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 765

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

HOUSING: Includes victims of sexual assault within the housing protections afforded to victims of domestic violence

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(2) and (6) and to enact R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(8), relative
3 to housing accommodations for victims of domestic violence; to extend coverage of
4 these accommodations; to provide for definitions of "domestic abuse"; to provide for
5 definitions of "qualified third party"; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(2) and (6) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 9:3261.1(B)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3261.1. Lease agreements for certain residential dwellings; domestic abuse victims

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11 B. Definitions

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13 (2) "Domestic abuse" means domestic abuse battery as defined in R.S.
14 14:35.3 or rape as that term is defined in R.S. 14:41 provided that the domestic abuse
15 or rape was committed on the leased premises.

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17 (6) "Qualified third party" means a sexual assault advocate, the executive
18 director, or program director, ~~or another employee~~ of a community-based shelter
19 contracted with the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to R.S.
20 46:2124, or any other employee of the shelter provided the employee is a Licensed

1 Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) or possesses a masters degree in Social Work
2 (MSW).

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4 (8) "Sexual assault advocate" means a person who is engaged by any office,
5 center, or institution referred to as a sexual assault or rape crisis center or similar
6 program, and who has undergone at least forty hours of training and who is engaged
7 in rendering advice, counseling, advocacy, or assistance to victims.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the definitions of "domestic abuse" and "qualified third party" as relates to housing accommodations for victims of domestic violence.

Present law provides certain accommodations and protections for victims of domestic violence with respect to housing.

Present law provides definitions of "domestic abuse" and "qualified third party" as relates those protections.

Proposed law retains present law but adds rape to the definition of "domestic abuse" and adds sexual assault advocates to the definition of a "qualified third party".

(Amends R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(2) and (6); Adds R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(8))