

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BOYER, CHASSION,  
COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND WILEY AND  
SENATORS PRESSLY AND SEABAUGH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.4(B)(2), 573, and 574.2(D)(9)(a), R.S. 42:17(A)(10), and  
3 R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and to enact R.S. 14:81.5.1, R.S. 15:574.4.1(A)(3) and 574.12.1,  
4 and R.S. 42:17(A)(11), relative to records from certain hearings of the Board of  
5 Pardons and committee on parole; to create the crime of unlawful posting of certain  
6 hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for exceptions;  
7 to provide for penalties; to provide for a public records exception; to provide for  
8 disclosure procedures; to provide for a protective order; to provide relative to  
9 procedures and sessions before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to  
10 provide for an exception to open meetings; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 14:81.5.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §81.5.1. Unlawful posting; records of certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and  
14 committee on parole

15 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and intentionally obtain  
16 any audio, written, or visual recording of any testimony presented by a victim, or the  
17 spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, during an executive session of the Board  
18 of Pardons and committee on parole and to transfer such recording by the use of a  
19 computer online service, internet service, or any other means of electronic  
20 communication. Such service or communication shall include but not be limited to  
21 a local bulletin board service, internet chat room, electronic mail, or online  
22 messaging service.

23 B. The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit any of the following from  
24 requesting and obtaining a copy of the recording:

25 (1) The defendant.









