

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Increases the penalties for certain domestic violence offenses that involve strangulation

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1), relative to certain domestic
3 violence offenses; to provide relative to the minimum and maximum penalties when
4 the offense involves strangulation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §34.9. Battery of a dating partner

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10 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the offense
11 involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed
12 pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than ~~three~~ ten
13 years. At least one year of the sentence imposed shall be served without the benefit
14 of probation or suspension of sentence.

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16 §35.3. Domestic abuse battery

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18 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the domestic
19 abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties
20 imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than

