

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 199

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Imposes a mandatory minimum sentence for a second offense of purchasing commercial sexual activity. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2), relative to offenses concerning prostitution; to  
3 impose a mandatory minimum sentence for a second offense of purchase of  
4 commercial sexual activity; to require registration as a sex offender under certain  
5 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §82.2. Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties

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10 C.(1) \* \* \*

11 (2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be **required to register as a**  
12 **sex offender pursuant to R.S. 15:540 et seq. and shall be imprisoned, with or**  
13 **without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than two years, with**  
14 **not less than six months being served without the benefit of probation, parole,**  
15 **or suspension of sentence, and in addition may be** fined not less than one thousand  
16 five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars ~~or be imprisoned, with or~~  
17 ~~without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, and one-half .~~ **One-half** of

1 the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides that for a 2nd offense of purchasing commercial sexual activity, an offender be fined not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,000, imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, and that one-half of the fines collected be distributed in accordance with present law.

Proposed law requires an offender to register as a sex offender and imposes a mandatory term of imprisonment of between six months and two years without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Require registration as a sex offender under certain circumstances.
2. Maintains present law.