

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**HB 659**

**2023 Regular Session**

**Romero**

Proposed law would have required a person 21 years of age or older residing in the state to register with the sheriff the person's residence, or residences, if there is more than one, and with the chief of police if the address of any of the person's residences is located in an incorporated area which has a police department if that person had been convicted of any of the following offenses where the victim was a minor, as defined in existing law:

- (1) R.S. 14:34 (Aggravated battery)
- (2) R.S. 14:34.7 (Aggravated second degree battery)

Proposed law would have provided that persons required to register pursuant to proposed law would have to appear in person at the appropriate law enforcement agency within 30 business days of establishing a new or additional physical residential address or of changes in information previously provided when any of the following occurred:

- (1) The offender changed his place of residence or established a new or additional residence.
- (2) The offender had vacated his current address of registration with the intent not to return.
- (3) The offender had been absent from his current address of registration for more than 90 consecutive days or an aggregate of 90 days or more per calendar year and was physically present at another address during that same time period.
- (4) The offender had a change in name.

Proposed law would have provided that any person who failed to register, periodically renew and update registration, provide proof of residence or notification of change of address or other registration information, as required by proposed law, and a person who knowingly provided false information to the appropriate law enforcement agency would have been fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law would have required persons to register while under an order of imprisonment for a first, second, or third offense and for the duration of the lifetime of the offender for a fourth or subsequent offense, unless the underlying conviction was reversed, set aside, or vacated.

Proposed law would not have applied to any person who had obtained an expungement pursuant to present law.

Proposed law would have been referred to as the "Remy Mann Act".

(Proposed to add R.S. 15:563-563.3)

### **VETO MESSAGE:**

"House Bill 659 requires offenders twenty-one years of age or older residing in this state to register with local law enforcement after having been convicted of aggravated battery or aggravated second degree battery when the victim is a minor. Senate Bill 217 of the 2023 Regular Session, which creates a statewide database for individuals convicted of child abuse and neglect, has already been signed into law, and would extend registration of those individuals addressed in House Bill 659. Therefore, to eliminate confusion, Senate Bill 217 of the 2023 Regular Session should become the most recent expression of legislative intent.

For this reason, I have vetoed the bill."