
DIGEST

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HB 874 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the registration of global positioning monitoring system providers.

Proposed law provides that prior to equipping a defendant with a global positioning monitoring system pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 320), every entity or person who provides such services shall register with the court and the sheriff of the parish where such services are to be provided. Further provides that the information provided to the court and the sheriff shall include all of the following:

- (1) The name of the provider.
- (2) The principal contact information of the provider.
- (3) The primary office address of the provider.

Proposed law provides that no person or entity shall be eligible to provide global positioning monitoring systems for a defendant pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 320) unless the criteria set forth in present law (R.S. 15:571.36) is met.

Proposed law provides that when the court orders a defendant to be equipped with a global positioning monitoring system pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 320), the name and contact information of the person or entity providing such services for the defendant shall be entered in the docket for the case in which the condition of bail was imposed.

Proposed law provides that every provider of a global positioning monitoring system pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 320) shall submit timely and accurate reports to the court exercising jurisdiction over the person being monitored.

Proposed law further provides that these reports shall be as follows:

- (1) A monthly report that includes all of the following information for every defendant supervised.
 - (a) Name.
 - (b) Date of birth.

- (c) The offense charged.
- (2) An annual report that indicates all of the following:
- (a) The services offered.
 - (b) The areas served.
 - (c) The number of defendants served.
 - (d) The number of defendants terminated.
 - (e) The reasons for termination.
 - (f) The credentials or qualifications of the provider.
- (3) Violation reports regarding the defendant's violation of any conditions set forth pursuant to present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 320). These reports shall be provided to the court exercising jurisdiction over the defendant within one day of the provider receiving notice that any of the following involving the electronic monitoring equipment has occurred:
- (a) Presence in an exclusion zone, which are geographic areas where the defendant is not permitted to visit.
 - (b) Tampering or destruction.
 - (c) Loss of battery power.
 - (d) Loss of communications.

Proposed law provides that whoever intentionally withholds or intentionally fails to timely report information as required by proposed law shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 and shall be prohibited from registering to provide global positioning monitoring systems or other electronic monitoring services in this state for a period of five years.

Proposed law provides that the attorney general shall have the authority to pursue the civil fine imposed pursuant to proposed law and may institute any civil action to prohibit any violator of proposed law from providing or registering to provide global positioning monitoring systems or other electronic monitoring services in this state for a period of five years.

Proposed law provides that the following persons are prohibited from being a vendor, or having a financial interest in a vendor, for electronic monitoring services in this state:

- (1) Any sheriff.

- (2) Any district attorney.
- (3) Any judge.
- (4) An immediate family member of any of the persons provided in proposed law.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 320.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Prohibit the following persons from being a vendor, or having a financial interest in a vendor, for electronic monitoring services in this state:
 - (a) Any sheriff.
 - (b) Any district attorney.
 - (c) Any judge.
 - (d) An immediate family member of any sheriff, district attorney, or judge.