

# ACT No. 119

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2024.5(F) and to enact R.S. 22:1078(F) and (G), R.S. 40:2024.5(H), and R.S. 46:1844(W)(6), 1862(E), and 2124.1(E) and (F), relative to the confidential information of individuals who are victims of certain offenses; to provide for penalties for the unlawful release, disclosure, transfer, or dissemination of certain information; to provide for a limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1078(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1078. Protections required for victims of the crime of domestic violence

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F. Whoever intentionally releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for publication any information related to the abuse status of an applicant or insured for any purpose not provided in Subsection D of this Section with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year, fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or both.



1 Section 3. R.S. 46:1844(W)(6), 1862(E), and 2124.1(E) and (F) are hereby enacted  
2 to read as follows:

3 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

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5 W. Confidentiality of crime victims who are minors, victims of sex offenses,  
6 and victims of human trafficking-related offenses.

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8 (6) Whoever intentionally releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for  
9 publication any information contained in this Subsection in a manner prohibited by  
10 this Subsection with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be  
11 imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year, fined not more  
12 than two thousand five hundred dollars, or both.

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14 §1862. Confidentiality; information sharing

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16 E. Any person subject to the provisions of this Section who intentionally  
17 releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for publication any information  
18 contained in this Section in a manner prohibited by this Section with the intent to  
19 coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be imprisoned with or without hard  
20 labor for not more than one year, fined not more than two thousand five hundred  
21 dollars, or both.

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23 §2124.1. Privileged communications and records

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25 E. Whoever intentionally releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for  
26 publication any information in a manner prohibited by this Section with the intent  
27 to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be imprisoned with or without hard  
28 labor for not more than one year, fined not more than two thousand five hundred  
29 dollars, or both.

1                    F. No community shelter shall be liable for any unlawful release, disclosure,  
2                    transfer, or dissemination of information that is made by an individual in violation  
3                    of Subsection E of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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