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SENATE BILL NO. 35

BY SENATORS FONTENOT AND CHAISSON

SEX OFFENSES. Requires registration as a sex offender within 24 hours of admittance after relocation resulting from a declaration of a state of emergency.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 15:542(A), relative to registration of sex offender; to provide for
3	registration of sex offenders after a declaration of emergency; and to provide for
4	related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 15:542(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§542. Registration of sex offenders
8	A. (1) Any adult residing in this state who has pled guilty to, has been
9	convicted of, or where adjudication has been deferred or withheld for the
10	perpetration or attempted perpetration of any sex offense and any juvenile who has
11	pled guilty or has been convicted of a sex offense as provided for in Children's Code
12	Article 857 shall register with the sheriff of the parish of the person's residence and
13	with the chief of police if the address of the residence is located in an incorporated
14	area which has a police department. If the adult or juvenile resides in a parish with
15	a population in excess of four hundred fifty thousand, he shall register with the
16	police department of his municipality of residence.
17	(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary,

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Page 1 of 2 Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1	during a declaration of emergency, any person who has been required to
2	register as a sex offender as provided for in this Section, who enters a shelter or
3	other emergency housing facility shall, within the first-twenty four hours of
4	admittance, notify the management of the facility of their sex offender status.
5	The sex offender must provide his full name, date of birth, social security
6	number, and last address of registration prior to the declaration of emergency.
7	(3) The manager of the shelter or emergency facility shall whenever
8	possible notify the chief law enforcement officer of the parish or municipality
9	of the sex offender's shelter location.
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dennis C. Weber.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that sex offenders must register with the sheriff or chief municipal law enforcement officer with 21days of establishing a residence in the parish or municipality.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that during a state of emergency, a sex offender who gains admittance to a shelter or other housing facility must notify the shelter or housing facility manager of his status as a sex offender with 24 hours of admittance. The manager must notify the chief law enforcement officer of the parish or municipality whenever possible.

(Amends R.S.15:542)