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HOUSE BILL NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE DORSEY

CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Enhances penalties for failure to register as a sex offender

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:542(F), relative to registration of sex offenders; to provide
3 for enhanced penalties for failure to register as a sex offender; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:542(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §542. Registration of sex offenders

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9 F.(1) A person who fails to register as required by this Section shall, upon
10 first conviction, be fined not more than one thousand dollars ~~or~~ and imprisoned with
11 ~~or without~~ hard labor for not less than ~~one year nor more than five years, or both five~~
12 years nor more than ten years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of
13 sentence.

14 (2) Upon second or subsequent convictions, whoever fails to register as
15 required by this Section shall be fined ~~not less than one~~ three thousand dollars ~~nor~~
16 ~~more than two thousand five hundred dollars or~~ and imprisoned with ~~or without~~ hard
17 labor for not less ~~than three years nor more than ten years~~ nor more than twenty years
18 without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the criminal penalties for failure to register as a sex offender.

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) For the first failure to register as a sex offender, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.
- (2) For a second or subsequent offense, the fine is not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500 or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than three nor more than 10 years, or both.

Proposed law increases the penalty for failure to register as a sex offender and provides for the following:

- (1) For the first failure to register as a sex offender, a fine up to \$1,000 and a term of imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than 10 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.
- (2) For a second or subsequent offense, a fine of \$3,000 and a term of imprisonment not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 15:542(F))