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DIGEST

Amedee (SB 1)

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 fine and imprisonment.

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, there is a mandatory fine of \$1,000 and a minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years and a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years without benefit of parol, probation or suspension of sentence. Both fine and imprisonment are mandatory.
- (2) For second or subsequent offense, the fine is increased to \$3,000. The term of imprisonment is increased to a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 20 years without benefit of parol, probation or suspension of sentence. Both fine and imprisonment are mandatory.

Proposed law provides that any person who is required to register as a sex offender and who enters a shelter or emergency housing facility shall notify that manager of the shelter or facility of their sex offender status within 24 hours of admittance.

Proposed law provides that the manager of shelter or emergency facility shall notify the chief law enforcement officer of the sex offender's shelter location.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill.

1. Adds provision for registration of sex offenders entering a shelter or other emergency housing facility.
2. Adds provision for the manager of the shelter or emergency facility to notify the chief law enforcement officer of the parish or municipality where the shelter is located.
3. Reduces the minimum term of imprisonment penalty for the first failure to register as a sex offender from five years to two years.
4. Reduces the minimum term of imprisonment penalty for the second or subsequent failure to register as a sex offender from ten years to five years.