**ACT No. 79** 

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

## BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 14:35.3(B)(5) and 37.7(B)(2) and R.S. 46:2132(4), relative to
3	victims of domestic abuse; to amend the definition of "household member" for
4	purposes of domestic abuse battery, domestic abuse aggravated assault, and domestic
5	abuse assistance; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 14:35.3(B)(5) and 37.7(B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8	read as follows:
9	§35.3. Domestic abuse battery
10	* * *
11	B. For purposes of this Section:
12	* * *
13	(5) "Household member" means any person of the opposite sex presently or
14	formerly living in the same residence with the offender as a spouse, whether married
15	or not, and who is involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship
16	with the offender, or any child presently or formerly living in the same residence
17	with the offender, or any child of the offender regardless of where the child resides.
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19	§37.7. Domestic abuse aggravated assault
20	* * *
21	B. For purposes of this Section:
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1	(2) "Household member" means any person of the opposite sex presently or
2	formerly living in the same residence with the offender as a spouse, whether married
3	or not, and who is involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship
4	with the offender, or any child presently or formerly living in the same residence
5	with the offender, or any child of the offender regardless of where the child resides.
6	* * *
7	Section 2. R.S. 46:2132(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§2132. Definitions
9	As used in this Part:
10	* * *
11	(4) "Family members" means spouses, former spouses, parents and children,
12	stepparents, stepchildren, foster parents, and foster children. "Household members"
13	means any person of the opposite sex presently or formerly living in the same
14	residence with the defendant as a spouse, whether married or not, and who is
15	involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship with the defendant
16	and who is seeking protection under this Part. "Dating partner" means any person
17	protected from violence under R.S. 46:2151 who is seeking protection under this
18	Part. If a parent or grandparent is being abused by an adult child, adult foster child,
19	or adult grandchild, the provisions of this Part shall apply to any proceeding brought
20	in district court.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED:
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