

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 14:35.3) defines the crime of domestic abuse battery as the intentional use of force or violence committed by one household member or family member upon the person of another household member or family member.

Existing law (R.S. 14:37.7) defines the crime of domestic abuse aggravated assault as an assault with a dangerous weapon committed by one household member or family member upon another household member or family member.

Existing law provides for the issuance of temporary restraining orders, protective orders, and other assistance under the Protection From Family Violence Act for victims of domestic abuse committed by one family member or household member against another family member or household member.

For purposes of existing law, prior law defined "household member" as any person of the opposite sex presently or formerly living in the same residence with the defendant as a spouse, whether married or not.

New law amends the prior law definition of "household member" as follows:

- (1) Removes the requirement that the persons be of the opposite sex.
- (2) Removes the requirement that the persons were formerly or presently living together as spouses, whether married or not.
- (3) Adds the requirement that the persons are presently or formerly involved in a sexual or intimate relationship.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 14:35.3(B)(5) and 37.7(B)(2) and R.S. 46:2132(4))