

ACT No. 131

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, ADAMS, BACALA, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, CARLSON, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DAVIS, DEWITT, EMERSON, FISHER, HORTON, HUGHES, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, AND TAYLOR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.9(L) and (N) and 35.3(L) and (N), relative to certain
3 domestic violence offenses; to provide for additional penalties when the offense
4 involves strangulation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:34.9(L) and (N) and 35.3(L) and (N) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §34.9. Battery of a dating partner

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10 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the offense
11 involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed
12 pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than three
13 years.

14 (2) If the strangulation results in serious bodily injury, the offender, in
15 addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned
16 at hard labor for not less than five nor more than fifty years without benefit of
17 probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

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19 N. Except as provided in ~~Paragraph~~ Paragraphs (L)(2) and (M)(2) and
20 Subsection P of this Section, if the offender intentionally inflicts serious bodily

1 injury, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this
2 Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than eight years.

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4 §35.3. Domestic abuse battery

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6 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the domestic
7 abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties
8 imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than
9 three years.

10 (2) If the strangulation results in serious bodily injury, the offender, in
11 addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned
12 at hard labor for not less than five nor more than fifty years without benefit of
13 probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

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16 Subsection P of this Section, if the offender intentionally inflicts serious bodily
17 injury, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this
18 Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than eight years.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____