

SENATE BILL NO. 429

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:563(A)(4), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C)(1), and (C)(2), and 563.2 as enacted by Act No. 460 of the 2023 Regular Session, and to repeal R.S. 15:563(E) as enacted by Act No. 460 of the 2023 Regular Session, relative to offenses against minors; to provide for the Child Abuse and Neglect Registry; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for duration of registration; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:563(A)(4), (B), the introductory paragraph of (C)(1), and (C)(2), and 563.2 as enacted by Act No. 460 of the 2023 Regular Session are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§563. Registration of persons convicted of child abuse or neglect

A. Any person residing in this state who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted of, any of the following felony offenses, or who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted of any conspiracy to commit any of the following felony offenses, where the victim is a minor, as defined in Children's Code Article 116, may be required to register and provide notification as a child abuser in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter:

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(4) R.S. 14:35.3(**K**), (**L**), (**M**), (**N**), (**O**), or (**P**) (Domestic abuse battery)

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B.(1) Upon conviction, the court shall provide written notification to any person convicted of an offense listed in Subsection A of this Section when the victim is a minor ~~that~~ **and when** he shall be required to register on the Child Abuse and Neglect Registry upon release, or as a condition of his probation or parole.

(2) An offender listed in Subsection A of this Section **who is required to register** shall register in person with the sheriff of the parish of the person's residence, or residences, if there is more than one, and with the chief of police if the address of any of the person's residences is located in an incorporated area which has a police department. If the offender resides in a municipality with a population in excess of three hundred thousand persons, he shall register in person with the police department of his municipality of residence.

C.(1) No later than three business days after release, the offender **who is required to register** shall register and provide all of the following information to the appropriate law enforcement agencies listed in Subsection B of this Section:

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**(2)(a)(i) Failure to register as required in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall constitute a violation of this Chapter.**

**(ii)** Knowingly providing false information to any law enforcement officer, office, or agency required to receive registration information pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall constitute a failure to register ~~and, upon~~ .

**(b) Upon conviction, the offender shall** be fined not more than one thousand dollars and be imprisoned for not more than one year **with or without hard labor.**

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§563.2. Duration of registration and notification period

A person required to register pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall comply with the requirement **and keep current his registration information** for ten years from the date of initial registration **in Louisiana** for a first offense and for the duration of the lifetime of the offender for a second or subsequent offense, unless the underlying conviction is reversed, set aside, or vacated.

1           Section 2. R.S. 15:563(E) as enacted by Act No. 460 of the 2023 Regular Session is  
2 hereby repealed.

3           Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_