

ACT No. 564

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 311(11) and 328(C), relative to electronic
3 bonds; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 311(11) and 328(C) are hereby
6 enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 311. Definitions

8 For the purpose of this Title, the following definitions shall apply:

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10 (11) Electronic bond is a commercial bail bond contract executed digitally
11 as security given by a surety to assure a defendant's appearance before the proper
12 court whenever required.

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14 Art. 328. Bail undertaking

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16 C.(1) An electronic bond may be executed in a parish where the sheriff has
17 electronic bond software in place. Agents may be approved by the sheriff to execute
18 an electronic bond. A licensed bail bond producer applying for electronic bond
19 authority may make an application to the sheriff and shall be domiciled and maintain
20 a principal place of business in this state and possess a Louisiana bail bond producer
21 license for at least three years preceding the date of application.

1 (2) The approving sheriff authority may require any documents deemed
2 necessary to verify the information contained in the application.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____