

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that any person residing in this state who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted of certain felony offenses, or who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted of any conspiracy to commit certain felony offenses, where the victim is a minor may be required to register and provide notification as a child abuser in accordance with the provisions of existing law.

Prior law provided that a person pleading guilty or nolo contendere, or conviction of domestic abuse battery may be required to register and provide notification as a child abuser.

New law limits, for registry purposes, the applicability of a guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or conviction of a person of domestic abuse battery to only the following circumstances:

- (1) If the victim is pregnant and the offender knows the victim is pregnant at the time of the commission of the offense.
- (2) If the domestic abuse battery involves strangulation of the victim.
- (3) If the domestic abuse battery involves burning the victim.
- (4) If the offender inflicts serious bodily injury upon the victim.
- (5) If the offender's intentional use of force is committed with a dangerous weapon.
- (6) If the offender's intentional use of force is committed with a dangerous weapon results in serious bodily injury.

Prior law provided that knowingly providing false information to any law enforcement officer, office, or agency required to receive registration information constitutes a failure to register and upon conviction be fined not more than one thousand dollars and be imprisoned for not more than one year.

New law retains prior law but provides that the imprisonment be with or without hard labor.

Effective July 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 15:563(A)(4), (B), (C)(1)(intro para), and (C)(2) and 563.2 as enacted by Act No. 460 of the 2023 R.S.; repeals R.S. 15:563(E) as enacted by Act No. 460 of the 2023 R.S.)