

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

BAIL: Provides relative to the placement of a defendant's name into the National Crime Information Center registry

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Article 331(G), relative to bail; to provide relative to

3 the discharge of bail obligations; to provide relative to the placement of the name of

4 a defendant into the National Crime Information Center registry; and to provide for

5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 331(G) is hereby repealed in its

8 entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the procedure for the placement of a defendant's name in the National Crime Information Center registry.

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 331) provides for discharge of bail obligations.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 331(G)) permits a surety to request that the officer originally charged with the detention of a defendant place the name of the defendant into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) registry any time after the defendant's failure to appear and the warrant of arrest has been issued.

Present law requires the officer to determine if the placement of the name is authorized by the NCIC registry within 30 days of the request.

Present law provides for notice to the surety of the reason for nonplacement if the placement is not authorized. Further provides for a \$25 processing fee that is payable to the officer if placement is authorized and provides for the removal of the defendant's name from the NCIC registry without cause during the period provided for surrendering the defendant.

Present law provides for the suspension of the period for filing a rule to show cause under present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 335) until the name of the defendant is placed back in the registry.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Repeals C.Cr.P. Art. 331(G))