

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX,
CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS,
JENKINS, MCMATH, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, AND PRICE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2024.5(F) and to enact R.S. 22:1078(F) and (G), R.S.
3 40:2024.5(H), and R.S. 46:1844(W)(6), 1862(E), and 2124.1(E) and (F), relative to
4 the confidential information of individuals who are victims of certain offenses; to
5 provide for penalties for the unlawful release, disclosure, transfer, or dissemination
6 of certain information; to provide for a limitation of liability; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 22:1078(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1078. Protections required for victims of the crime of domestic violence

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12 F. Whoever intentionally releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for
13 publication any information related to the abuse status of an applicant or insured for
14 any purpose not provided in Subsection D of this Section with the intent to coerce,
15 intimidate, or harass any person shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for
16 not more than one year, fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or
17 both.

1 Section 3. R.S. 46:1844(W)(6), 1862(E), and 2124.1(E) and (F) are hereby enacted
2 to read as follows:

3 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

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5 W. Confidentiality of crime victims who are minors, victims of sex offenses,
6 and victims of human trafficking-related offenses.

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8 (6) Whoever intentionally releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for
9 publication any information contained in this Subsection in a manner prohibited by
10 this Subsection with the intent to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be
11 imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year, fined not more
12 than two thousand five hundred dollars, or both.

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14 §1862. Confidentiality; information sharing

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16 E. Any person subject to the provisions of this Section who intentionally
17 releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for publication any information
18 contained in this Section in a manner prohibited by this Section with the intent to
19 coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be imprisoned with or without hard
20 labor for not more than one year, fined not more than two thousand five hundred
21 dollars, or both.

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23 §2124.1. Privileged communications and records

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25 E. Whoever intentionally releases, discloses, transfers, or disseminates for
26 publication any information in a manner prohibited by this Section with the intent
27 to coerce, intimidate, or harass any person shall be imprisoned with or without hard
28 labor for not more than one year, fined not more than two thousand five hundred
29 dollars, or both.

1 F. No community shelter shall be liable for any unlawful release, disclosure,
2 transfer, or dissemination of information that is made by an individual in violation
3 of Subsection E of this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____