

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1), relative to certain domestic  
3 violence offenses; to provide relative to the minimum and maximum penalties when  
4 the offense involves strangulation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
7 read as follows:

8 §34.9. Battery of a dating partner

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10 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the offense  
11 involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed  
12 pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than ~~three~~ ten  
13 years. At least one year of the sentence imposed shall be served without the benefit  
14 of probation or suspension of sentence.

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16 §35.3. Domestic abuse battery

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18 L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the domestic  
19 abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties  
20 imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than

