
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides with respect to sentencing for the crime of domestic abuse battery.

Present law provides for the crime of domestic abuse battery, and provides for penalties which include participation in a court-monitored domestic abuse intervention program.

Proposed law changes present law to require completion of this program rather than participation in the program.

Proposed law provides for minimum mandatory sentences if the domestic abuse battery is a part of a pattern of intentional and repeated acts of domestic abuse in which the offender has threatened to use or actually used physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse committed for the purpose of controlling a family member or household member of the offender.

Proposed law provides penalties of a minimum of 45 days without benefit of suspension of sentence for a first conviction, a minimum of one year imprisonment upon a second conviction, a minimum of two years with or without hard labor upon a third conviction, and a minimum of four years at hard labor upon a fourth or subsequent conviction. All sentences must be served without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:35.3(C)(1) and (2), (D), and (H); Adds R.S. 14:35.3(N))