
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates a registry for persons convicted of domestic violence offenses.

Proposed law defines "domestic violence offense" as the crimes of stalking, human trafficking, domestic abuse battery, and domestic abuse aggravated assault.

Proposed law requires adults who commit these domestic violence offenses to register with local law enforcement agencies within 10 days of establishing residence in La. or upon release from confinement. Requires the person who is required to register to provide the appropriate law enforcement agency with certain pieces of information, including name, address, birth date, social security number, aliases used by the offender, crimes for which the offender is required to register, and date and place of conviction. Requires local law enforcement agencies to record the fingerprints of each person who must register. Requires local law enforcement agencies to forward this information to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within five days of receiving such information.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to inform applicable offenders of the registration requirements when they are released from prison or placed under parole, supervised release, or probation. Further requires the department to obtain the necessary registration information and transmit it to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information for inclusion into a central registry within five days.

Proposed law requires the bureau to establish and maintain a central registry to collect and disseminate information on offenders who commit domestic violence offenses. Requires the bureau to mail a non-forwardable verification form on an annual basis to each offender in the registry to verify the addresses. Provides that if the bureau does not receive the verification form from the offender within 30 days, the bureau shall notify local law enforcement immediately.

Proposed law provides for a limitation of liability except for willful and wanton acts or gross negligence.

Proposed law provides that a person who fails to register shall be fined up to \$500, imprisoned for 30 to 90 days, or both.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:671-677)