

Regular Session, 2011  
HOUSE BILL NO. 129  
BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

# ACT No. 252

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(g), relative to  
3 criminal procedure; to provide relative to the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal  
4 Identification and Information; to authorize the bureau to release criminal history  
5 records and identification files to the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar  
6 Admissions; to authorize a fee; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
9 15:587(A)(1)(g) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §587. Duty to provide information; processing fees; Louisiana Bureau of Criminal  
11 Identification and Information

12 A.(1)(a) The bureau shall make available upon request, or at such other times  
13 as the deputy secretary shall designate, to any eligible criminal justice agency and  
14 the Department of Health and Hospitals, the state fire marshal when reviewing  
15 applications for licensure, the Department of Children and Family Services, the  
16 Department of Insurance, the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the Senate and  
17 Governmental Affairs Committee, the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce  
18 Commission or his designee, the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners, the  
19 Office of Financial Institutions in the office of the governor, the office of the  
20 disciplinary counsel of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board of the Louisiana  
21 State Bar Association; however, as to any licensed attorney such information shall  
22 be provided only after the issuance of a formal charge against the attorney, the  
23 Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions, the municipal or parish

1 department or personnel responsible for reviewing applications for alcoholic  
2 beverage outlet permits, and the legislative auditor any information contained in the  
3 criminal history record and identification files of the bureau. The Department of  
4 Children and Family Services may provide information secured pursuant to this  
5 Subsection to all federal and state agencies providing child support enforcement  
6 services.

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8 (g)(i) The Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions shall be  
9 entitled to the criminal history record and identification files of the bureau for those  
10 persons seeking to participate in the bar examination as a means of performing  
11 background checks on those individuals. The bureau shall charge a processing fee  
12 as provided in Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section for conducting and reporting on these  
13 background checks.

14 (ii) The bureau shall, upon request and after receipt of fingerprint cards or  
15 other identifying information from the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar  
16 Admissions, make available to the committee all arrest and conviction information  
17 contained in the bureau's criminal history record and identification files, which  
18 pertains to an applicant for the bar examination. In addition, in order to determine  
19 an applicant's eligibility or suitability for participating in the examination, each  
20 applicant shall be fingerprinted, and the fingerprints shall be forwarded by the bureau  
21 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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