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HOUSE BILL NO. 440

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

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

SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY: Provides relative to sex offender registration and notification

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(22), 542(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (j), and (n),

3 (C)(2), and (F)(4)(a), (b), and (c), 542.1.2(A)(introductory paragraph), and 543.1,

4 relative to sex offender registration and notification requirements; to amend the

5 definition of "residence"; to provide relative to the time periods within which the sex

6 offender is required to provide certain information to certain entities; to provide

7 relative to the information provided by the sex offender with regard to vehicles and

8 temporary lodging; to provide relative to motions for relief from registration and

9 notification requirements of certain sex offenders convicted of crime against nature;

10 to amend provisions in the written notification of sex offender registration and

11 notification requirements given by the court to the offender; and to provide for

12 related matters.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 15:541(22), 542(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (j), and (n), (C)(2),

15 and (F)(4)(a), (b), and (c), 542.1.2(A)(introductory paragraph), and 543.1 are hereby

16 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 §541. Definitions

18 For the purposes of this Chapter, the definitions of terms in this Section shall

19 apply:

20 \* \* \*

1 (22) "Residence" means a dwelling where the number of days or nights spent  
 2 there by an offender exceed twenty-four days in a calendar year, or any dwelling  
 3 where an offender regularly resides, regardless of the number of days or nights spent  
 4 there. For those offenders who lack a fixed abode or dwelling, "residence" shall  
 5 include the area or place where the offender habitually lives, including but not  
 6 limited to a rural area with no address or a shelter.

7 \* \* \*

8 §542. Registration of sex offenders and child predators

9 \* \* \*

10 C.(1) The offender shall register and provide all of the following information  
 11 to the appropriate law enforcement agencies listed in Subsection B of this Section  
 12 in accordance with the time ~~period~~ periods provided for in ~~Paragraph (2)~~ of this  
 13 Subsection:

14 \* \* \*

15 (j) A description of every motorized vehicle registered to or operated by the  
 16 offender, including license plate number and vehicle identification number and a  
 17 copy of the offender's driver's license ~~or~~ and identification card. This information  
 18 shall be provided prior to the offender's operation of the vehicle.

19 \* \* \*

20 (n)(i) Temporary lodging information regarding any place where the  
 21 offender plans to stay for seven or more days. This information shall be provided at  
 22 least three days prior to the date of departure unless an emergency situation has  
 23 prevented the timely disclosure of the information.

24 (ii) Temporary lodging information regarding international travel shall be  
 25 provided regardless of the number of days or nights the offender plans to stay. This  
 26 information shall be provided at least twenty-one days prior to the date of departure  
 27 unless an emergency situation has prevented the timely disclosure of the information.  
 28 Upon receipt of this information by the bureau from the law enforcement agency  
 29 pursuant to Subsection E of this Section, this information shall then be sent by the

1           **bureau to the United States Marshals Service's National Sex Offender Targeting**  
2           **Center for transmission to the proper authorities.**

3   \*     \*     \*

4           (2) ~~Every~~ Unless an earlier time period is specified in the provisions of  
5           Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, every offender required to register in accordance  
6           with this Section shall appear in person and provide the information required by  
7           Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to the appropriate law enforcement agencies within  
8           three business days of establishing residence in Louisiana, ~~or if~~. If the offender is  
9           a current resident of Louisiana and is not immediately taken into custody or  
10          incarcerated after conviction or adjudication, he shall provide the information on the  
11          date of conviction to the sheriff of the parish where the offender was convicted or  
12          adjudicated and shall, within three business days after conviction or adjudication,  
13          provide the information to the sheriff of the parishes of the offender's residence,  
14          employment, and school if not immediately incarcerated or taken into custody after  
15          conviction or adjudication. If incarcerated immediately after conviction or placed  
16          in a secure facility immediately after adjudication, the information required by  
17          Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be provided to the secretary of the Department  
18          of Public Safety and Corrections, or his designee, or the deputy secretary for youth  
19          services, or his designee, whichever has custody of the offender, within ten days  
20          prior to release from confinement. Once released from confinement, every offender  
21          shall appear in person within three business days to register with ~~the appropriate law~~  
22          ~~enforcement agencies pursuant to the provisions of this Section~~ the sheriff of the  
23          parishes in which the offender resides, is employed, and attends school.

24   \*     \*     \*

25           F.

26   \*     \*     \*

27           (4)(a) Any person who was convicted of crime against nature (R.S. 14:89)  
28           prior to August 15, 2010, or the district attorney in the parish where the offender was  
29           convicted, may file a motion in the court of conviction to ~~be relieved~~ relieve the

1 offender of the sex offender registration and notification requirements of this Chapter  
 2 if the offense for which the offender was convicted would be defined as crime  
 3 against nature by solicitation (R.S. 14:89.2) had the offender been convicted on or  
 4 after August 15, 2010. Offenders convicted of an offense under the laws of another  
 5 state, or military, territorial, foreign, tribal, or federal law may file a motion in the  
 6 district court of his parish of residence once the administrative procedures of R.S.  
 7 15:542.1.3 have been exhausted, and the elements of the offense of conviction have  
 8 been found to be equivalent to the current definition of crime against nature by  
 9 solicitation (R.S. 14:89.2). The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to  
 10 persons whose conviction for crime against nature pursuant to R.S. 14:89 involved  
 11 the solicitation of a person under the age of seventeen and would authorize  
 12 sentencing of the offender pursuant to R.S. 14:89.2(B)(3), had the offender been  
 13 convicted on or after August 15, 2010.

14 (b) The motion shall be accompanied by supporting documentation to  
 15 establish that the person was convicted of crime against nature prior to August 15,  
 16 2010, and that the offense for which the offender was convicted would be defined  
 17 as crime against nature by solicitation (R.S. 14:89.2) had the offender been convicted  
 18 on or after August 15, 2010, and supporting documentation to establish that the  
 19 person being solicited was not under the age of seventeen. If the motion is filed by  
 20 the district attorney, an affidavit establishing that the facts of the case and the  
 21 underlying conviction meet these requirements shall be deemed sufficient for the  
 22 granting of relief.

23 (c) ~~The~~ If the offender files a motion pursuant to the provisions of this  
 24 Paragraph, the district attorney, office of state police, and the Department of Justice,  
 25 shall be served with a copy of the motion and any order granting relief. If the district  
 26 attorney files a motion pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph, the office of state  
 27 police and the Department of Justice shall be served with a copy of the motion and  
 28 any order granting relief.

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1 §542.1.2. Duty of offenders to notify law enforcement of change of address,  
2 residence, or other registration information

3 A. ~~Those~~ Unless an earlier time period is otherwise specified in the  
4 provisions of this Chapter, those persons required to register pursuant to the  
5 provisions of this Chapter shall appear in person at the sheriff's office in the parish  
6 of residence, or the police department in the case of a municipality with a population  
7 in excess of three hundred thousand, where the offender is currently registered to  
8 update information within three business days of establishing a new or additional  
9 physical residential address or of changes in information previously provided when  
10 any of the following occur:

11 \* \* \*

12 §543.1. Written notification by the courts; form to be used

13 STATE V. \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

14 DOCKET # \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_

15 DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF LOUISIANA

16 Notification to Sex Offender

17 In accordance with R.S. 15:543, this court has the duty to provide  
18 \_\_\_\_\_ (name of offender) with the information necessary for  
19 awareness of sex offender and child predator registration requirements.  
20 \_\_\_\_\_ has pled guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of  
21 R.S. \_\_\_\_\_. Based on the provisions of Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana  
22 Revised Statutes of 1950 and the substance of the statute violated, IT IS ORDERED  
23 that \_\_\_\_\_ must register for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ from the  
24 date of his release from prison, from the date of his being placed on parole,  
25 supervised release or probation, or from the date of his conviction, if the offender is  
26 not sentenced to a term of imprisonment or jail. Additionally, since  
27 \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as offender) has been convicted of:

28 ( ) An aggravated offense as defined in R.S. 15:541, the offender must  
29 update his/her registration, in person, every ninety days from the date of initial

1 registration, with the appropriate law enforcement agencies as provided in R.S.  
2 15:542.

3 ( ) A sexual offense involving a victim who is a minor as defined in R.S.  
4 15:541, the offender must update his/her registration, in person, every six months  
5 from the date of initial registration, with the appropriate law enforcement agencies  
6 as provided in R.S. 15:542.

7 ( ) An offense not defined in R.S. 15:541 as an aggravated offense or a  
8 sexual offense involving a victim who is a minor, the offender must update his/her  
9 registration, in person, annually from the date of initial registration, with the  
10 appropriate law enforcement agencies as provided in R.S. 15:542.

11 Based on the foregoing you are hereby notified of the following:

12 (1) The offender, within three (3) business days of establishing residence in  
13 Louisiana or if a current resident, within three (3) business days after conviction or  
14 adjudication if not immediately incarcerated or taken into custody, or within three  
15 (3) business days after release from confinement, shall obtain and provide the  
16 following information to each sheriff or police department in accordance with R.S.  
17 15:542(B) (except in Orleans Parish where registration shall take place with the New  
18 Orleans Police Department):

19 (a) Name and any aliases used by the offender.

20 (b) Physical address or addresses of residence.

21 (c) Name and physical address of place of employment. If the offender does  
22 not have a fixed place of employment, the offender shall provide information with  
23 as much specificity as possible regarding the places where he works, including but  
24 not limited to travel routes used by the offender.

25 (d) Name and physical address of the school in which he is a student.

26 (e) Two forms of proof of residence for each residential address provided,  
27 including but not limited to a driver's license, bill for utility service, and bill for  
28 telephone service. If those forms of proof of residence are not available, the offender  
29 may provide an affidavit of an adult resident living at the same address. The

1 affidavit shall certify that the affiant understands his obligation to provide written  
2 notice pursuant to R.S. 15:542.1.4 to the appropriate law enforcement agency with  
3 whom the offender last registered when the offender no longer resides at the  
4 residence provided in the affidavit.

5 (f) The crime for which he was convicted and the date and place of such  
6 conviction, and if known by the offender, the court in which the conviction was  
7 obtained, the docket number of the case, the specific statute under which he was  
8 convicted, and the sentence imposed.

9 (g) A current photograph, fingerprints, palm prints, and a DNA sample.

10 (h) Telephone numbers, including fixed location phone and mobile phone  
11 numbers assigned to the offender or associated with any residence address of the  
12 offender.

13 (i) A description of every motorized vehicle registered to or operated by the  
14 offender, including license plate number and vehicle identification number and a  
15 copy of the offender's driver's license ~~or~~ and identification card.

16 (j) Social security number and date of birth.

17 (k) A description of the physical characteristics of the offender, including but  
18 not limited to sex, race, hair color, eye color, height, age, weight, scars, tattoos, or  
19 other identifying marks on the body of the offender.

20 (l) Every e-mail address, online screen name or other online identity used by  
21 the offender to communicate on the Internet.

22 (m)(i) Temporary lodging information regarding any place where the  
23 offender plans to stay for seven or more days and the length of the stay. This  
24 information shall be provided at least three days prior to the date of departure unless  
25 an emergency situation has prevented the timely disclosure of the information.

26 (ii) Temporary lodging information regarding international travel shall be  
27 provided regardless of the number of days or nights the offender plans to stay. This  
28 information shall be provided at least twenty-one days prior to the date of departure  
29 unless an emergency situation has prevented the timely disclosure of the information.

1 Upon receipt of this information by the bureau from the law enforcement agency,  
2 this information shall then be sent by the bureau to the United States Marshals  
3 Service's National Sex Offender Targeting Center for transmission to the proper  
4 authorities.

5 (n) Travel and immigration documents, including but not limited to passports  
6 and documents establishing immigration status.

7 (2) The offender shall register with the sheriff and police chief in each of  
8 his/her residence(s) and with the sheriff of the parish in which the offender is  
9 employed and attends school in accordance with R.S. 15:542. ~~and, for~~ For initial  
10 registration only, the offender shall register on the date of conviction or adjudication  
11 with the sheriff in the parish of the offender's conviction or adjudication in  
12 accordance with R.S. 15:542. If the offender lives, works, or attends school in  
13 Orleans Parish, however, the offender shall register with the New Orleans Police  
14 Department and not with the sheriff of that parish.

15 (3) If the offender is incarcerated as a result of the crime, the offender shall  
16 provide all information listed in Paragraph (1) of this Section to the Department of  
17 Public Safety and Corrections, or if a juvenile, to the office of juvenile justice, within  
18 ten (10) days prior to release from confinement. The offender shall still appear in  
19 person at the sheriff's office within three (3) business days of release from  
20 confinement.

21 (4) During the declaration of an emergency, any offender required to register  
22 who enters an emergency shelter shall, within the first twenty-four (24) hours of  
23 admittance, notify the management of the facility, the chief of police of the  
24 municipality, and the sheriff of the parish in which the shelter is located of his sex  
25 offender status in accordance with R.S. 15:543.2.

26 (5) An offender required to register has a duty to provide notice of change  
27 of address or other registration information to the sheriff of the parish of residence  
28 within three business days. If the new or additional residence is located in a different  
29 parish, then offender must register with the sheriff of the parish in which the new or



1 additional residence is located. The offender shall also send written notice within  
2 three business days of re-registering in the new parish to the sheriff of the parish of  
3 former registration in accordance with R.S. 15:542.1.2.

4 (6) The offender shall give notice of the crime for which he was convicted,  
5 his name, address, a physical description, and a photograph to the following in  
6 accordance with R.S. 15:542(B)(1):

7 (a) At least one person in every residence or business within a one-mile  
8 radius in a rural area and a three-tenths of a mile radius in an urban or suburban area  
9 of the address of the residence where the offender will reside upon release, including  
10 all adult residents of the residence of the offender.

11 (b) The superintendent of the school district where the offender will reside.

12 (c) The lessor, landlord, or owner of the residence or the property on which  
13 he resides.

14 (d) The superintendent of the park, playground, and recreation districts  
15 within the designated area where the offender will reside only if the victim was under  
16 eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.

17 \*Any person convicted of a violation of R.S. 14:89 shall not have to include  
18 a photograph in the notice described in Paragraph (6) of this Subsection.

19 \*Juveniles adjudicated for a crime requiring registration DO NOT have to  
20 provide this community notice.

21 (7) In accordance with R.S. 15:542.1, community notification shall be given  
22 by mail within twenty-one days of the date of conviction, if the offender is not taken  
23 into custody at the time of conviction, and within twenty-one days of the date of  
24 release from confinement if sentenced to a term of imprisonment. This notification  
25 shall also occur within twenty-one days of each time the offender changes his  
26 residence within twenty-one days of establishing residency in the new locale. This  
27 notification shall also occur at least every five years, whether or not the offender  
28 changes residences. This notification shall occur in each jurisdiction in which the  
29 offender regularly resides.

1           \*Juveniles adjudicated for a crime requiring registration DO NOT have to  
2 provide this community notice.

3           (8) In accordance with R.S. 15:542.1, community notice shall be published  
4 on two (2) separate days within this period in the official journal of the governing  
5 authority of the parish where the offender plans to reside, unless ordered to be  
6 published in a different journal or newspaper by the sheriff or local ordinance.

7           \*Those convicted of R.S. 14:92(A)(7) are not required to publish notice in  
8 the newspaper or official journal as provided in Paragraph (8).

9           \*Juveniles who are adjudicated for a crime requiring registration DO NOT  
10 have to provide this community notice.

11          (9) In accordance with R.S. 15:542.1(B), an offender who provides  
12 recreational instruction to persons under the age of seventeen (17) shall post a notice  
13 in the building or facility where such instruction is being given.

14          (10) In accordance with R.S. 15:543, an offender must, within ten (10) days  
15 prior to release from a correctional facility, provide a photograph and other relevant  
16 information noted above to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or if  
17 a juvenile, to the office of juvenile justice for purposes of the State Sex Offender and  
18 Child Predator Registry.

19          (11) In accordance with R.S. 15:542.1.2, if an offender changes his place of  
20 residence or establishes a new or additional residence, he shall appear in person at  
21 the office of the sheriff of his parish of residence where he is currently registered  
22 within three (3) business days of the change to register the new address. If the new  
23 address is located in a different parish, then the offender shall also appear in person  
24 at the office of the sheriff of his new parish of residence within the same time period.  
25 If the offender's parish of residence is in Orleans Parish, then the registration shall  
26 take place at the New Orleans Police Department and not with the Orleans Parish  
27 Sheriff.

28          (12) In accordance with R.S. 15:542.1.2, if an offender is absent from his  
29 current address of registration for more than thirty (30) consecutive days or an

1 aggregate of thirty (30) days or more in a calendar year, and is physically present at  
2 another address during that same period of time, the offender shall register in person  
3 the new address as one of his addresses of residence. If the new address is in a  
4 parish different from his current address, he shall also register in person with the  
5 sheriff of the new parish within three (3) business days of the tolling of the time  
6 periods listed. This requirement notwithstanding, the offender shall still notify the  
7 sheriff of one of his parishes of residence in person if he is to take up temporary  
8 lodging for seven (7) or more days. It is only after the thirty-day limit is exceeded  
9 that the new registration shall occur.

10 (13) The offender shall also appear in person at the office of the sheriff of  
11 any of his parishes of residence when there is a change in the offender's name, place  
12 of employment, or enrollment. This appearance shall occur within three (3) business  
13 days of the change. If the offender's address of residence is in Orleans Parish, this  
14 registration update shall take place at the New Orleans Police Department and not  
15 with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office.

16 (14) The offender shall be prohibited from certain types of employment in  
17 accordance with R.S. 15:553 for the duration of the registration period. A copy of  
18 this statute is provided to you with this notification.

19 (15) In accordance with R.S. 15:542(C), the offender shall update his  
20 registration annually on the anniversary of the initial registration by appearing in  
21 person at the office of each law enforcement agency with which he is required to  
22 register and shall pay an annual registration fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00).

23 (16) Failure to comply with any of these registration and notification  
24 requirements is a felony for which an offender shall be punished by a fine of up to  
25 one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and imprisonment at hard labor for not less than  
26 two years nor more than ten years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension  
27 of sentence. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be punished  
28 by a fine of up to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and imprisonment at hard labor

1 for not less than five years, nor more than twenty years without benefit of parole,  
2 probation, or suspension of sentence.

3 (17) For those offenders who have been convicted of a sex offense as defined  
4 in R.S. 15:541 involving a victim who was under the age of thirteen (13) at the time  
5 of the offense, R.S. 14:91.2 is applicable which prohibits such offenders from  
6 residing or being present in certain locations. A copy of this statute is provided to  
7 you with this notification.

8 (18) For those offenders who have been convicted of R.S. 14:81 (indecent  
9 behavior with juveniles), R.S. 14:81.1 (pornography involving juveniles), R.S.  
10 14:81.3 (computer-aided solicitation of a minor), or R.S. 14:283 (video voyeurism)  
11 or have been convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 in which the victim  
12 of the sex offense was a minor, R.S. 14:91.5, which prohibits such offenders from  
13 using certain social networking websites, is applicable. A copy of this statute is  
14 provided to you with this notification.

15 THUS DONE AND SIGNED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ in  
16 open court, in \_\_\_\_\_, Louisiana.

17 \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Judge, \_\_\_\_ Judicial District Court

19 I hereby certify that the above requirements have been explained to me, that  
20 I have received a copy of the above notice of sex offender registration and  
21 notification requirements, and a copy of the statutes providing for such requirements.  
22 I also understand that I will be subject to any changes made by the legislature to the  
23 registration laws from this day forward.

24 \_\_\_\_\_  
25 (Name of Sex Offender)

26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 Defense Counsel Signature

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DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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HB No. 440

**Abstract:** Provides relative to sex offender registration and notification.

Present law provides that for purposes of sex offender registration and notification, "residence" shall mean a dwelling where an offender regularly resides, regardless of the number of days or nights spent there.

Proposed law amends the definition of "residence" to mean a dwelling where the number of days or nights spent there by an offender exceed 24 days in a calendar year, or any dwelling where an offender regularly resides, regardless of the number of days or nights spent there.

Present law requires the sex offender to provide certain information to the appropriate law enforcement agencies when registering as a sex offender including but not limited to the following:

- (1) A description of every vehicle registered to or operated by the offender, including license plate number and a copy of the offender's driver's license or identification card.
- (2) Temporary lodging information regarding any place where the offender plans to stay for seven or more days.

Present law requires such information to be provided by the offender within three business days of establishing residence in Louisiana, or if a current resident, within three business days after conviction or adjudication, if not immediately incarcerated or taken into custody after conviction or adjudication.

Proposed law retains these present law time period requirements, but provides that if the offender is a current residence of Louisiana and is not immediately taken into custody after conviction or adjudication, he shall provide the information to the sheriff of the parish of conviction or adjudication on the date of the conviction.

With regard to information on the offender's vehicles, proposed law provides that the offender shall also provide the vehicle identification number of every motorized vehicle registered to or operated by him, and provides that all information regarding the offender's vehicles shall be provided prior to the offender's operation of the vehicle.

With regard to information on temporary lodging, proposed law provides that temporary lodging information where the offender plans to stay for seven or more days shall be provided at least three days prior to the date of departure.

Proposed law further provides that temporary lodging information regarding international travel shall be provided regardless of the number of days or nights the offender plans to stay, and such information shall be provided at least 21 days prior to the date of departure. This information shall then be sent by the bureau to the U.S. Marshals Service's National Sex Offender Targeting Center for transmission to the proper authorities.

Present law authorizes certain persons convicted of crime against nature prior to August 15, 2010, to file a motion in the court of conviction to be relieved of the sex offender registration and notification requirements if the offense for which the offender was convicted would be

defined as crime against nature by solicitation had the offender been convicted on or after August 15, 2010, and the offense did not involve the solicitation of persons under the age of 17. Present law further provides for the procedure by which such motions are filed.

Proposed law provides for the following relative to such motions:

- (1) The district attorney in the parish where the offender was convicted is also authorized to file such motions.
- (2) If the motion is filed by the district attorney, an affidavit establishing that the facts of the case and the underlying conviction meet the requirements for filing such motions as set forth in present law, shall be deemed sufficient for the granting of relief.
- (3) Requires the documentation provided in support of such motions to include documentation establishing that the person being solicited was not under the age of 17.
- (4) Provides that the district attorney, the office of state police, and the Department of Justice shall be served with a copy of any motion seeking, and any order granting, such relief.

Present law requires the court to provide written notification to any person who is required to register as a sex offender.

Proposed law amends this written notification form to reflect the changes made by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 15:541(22), 542(C)(1)(intro. para.), (j), and (n), (C)(2), and (F)(4)(a), (b), and (c), 542.1.2(A)(intro. para.), and 543.1)