2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 408

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON

## PROBATION: Provides relative to probation and outstanding restitution

1	AN ACT
2	To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 897(C), relative to the termination of
3	probation; to provide relative to restitution; to provide for civil judgment; to provide
4	for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 897(C) is hereby enacted to read as
7	follows:
8	Art. 897. Termination of probation or suspended sentence; discharge of defendant
9	* * *
10	(C) If, at the termination of the defendant's term of supervision, any
11	restitution ordered by the court remains outstanding, the court shall render a
12	judgment against the defendant and in favor of the victim for the payment of money
13	in an amount equal to the restitution that is outstanding. This judgment may be
14	enforced in the same manner as provided for the execution of judgments pursuant to
15	Title II of Book V of the Code of Civil Procedure.
16	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
18	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
19	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
20	effective on the day following such approval.

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Abstract: Provides for a civil judgment in favor of the victim for outstanding restitution amounts at the termination of a defendant's term of supervision.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the termination of a defendant's probation or suspended sentence in both felony or misdemeanor cases.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that at the termination of a defendant's term of supervision, the court shall render a judgment against the defendant and in favor of the victim for any outstanding restitution.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the judgment can be pursued through executory proceedings in the Code of Civil Procedure.

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

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 897(C))