

# ACT No. 42

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BARROW, HODGES, KATRINA JACKSON,  
MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, AND THIERRY AND SENATORS BROOME,  
BUFFINGTON, DORSEY-COLOMB, AND PETERSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:91.9, relative to sexual offenders; to prohibit sex offenders from residing  
3 or being physically present within a certain distance of a former victim; to prohibit  
4 sex offenders from communicating with a former victim; to provide for penalties; to  
5 provide for affirmative defenses; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:91.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §91.9. Unlawful presence or contact of a sex offender relative to a former victim

9 A. It shall be unlawful for any person convicted of a sex offense as defined  
10 in R.S. 15:541 to do any of the following:

11 (1) Establish a residence or physically reside within three miles of the victim  
12 of the offense for which he was convicted.

13 (2) Knowingly be physically present within three hundred feet of the victim  
14 of the offense for which he was convicted.

15 (3) Communicate, either by electronic communication, in writing, or orally,  
16 with the victim of the offense for which he was convicted or an immediate family  
17 member of the victim, unless the victim consents to such communication in writing  
18 and the communication is made pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 46:1846.

19 B. For purposes of this Section, "immediate family member" means the  
20 spouse, mother, father, aunt, uncle, sibling, or child of the victim, whether related by  
21 blood, marriage, or adoption.

1            C.(1) Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraphs (A)(1) or (2) of this  
2            Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned with or  
3            without hard labor for not more than one year, or both.

4            (2) Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section shall  
5            be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six  
6            months, or both.

7            D.(1)(a) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of  
8            Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section if the property where the offender resides was  
9            occupied by the offender prior to the date on which the victim began residing within  
10           three miles of the residence of the offender.

11           (b) The affirmative defense provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph  
12           shall not be available to an offender who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a  
13           subsequent sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 against the same victim after the  
14           victim began residing within three miles of the residence of the offender.

15           (2)(a) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of  
16           Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section if the property where the offender resides was  
17           occupied by the offender prior to August 1, 2012.

18           (b) The affirmative defense provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph  
19           shall not be available to an offender who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a  
20           subsequent sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 against the same victim after  
21           August 1, 2012.

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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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_