

By Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to domestic abuser registration;
3 creating s. 943.0425, F.S.; providing definitions;
4 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to post a
5 publicly accessible registry on its website of persons
6 convicted of domestic abuse offenses; providing
7 requirements for the registry; requiring the clerk of
8 the court in each county to forward certain notices of
9 conviction for domestic abuse offenses to the
10 department within a specified time; requiring the
11 maintenance of specified information for certain time
12 periods; requiring the removal of specified records
13 under certain circumstances; providing an effective
14 date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Section 943.0425, Florida Statutes, is created
19 to read:

20 943.0425 Domestic abuser registration.-

21 (1) As used in this section, the term:

22 (a) "Abuser" or "domestic abuser" means an adult as defined
23 in s. 985.03 who has been convicted in this state of committing
24 a domestic abuse offense.

25 (b) "Conviction" has the same meaning as in s. 775.21(2).

26 (c) "Domestic abuse offense" means:

27 1. Domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28; or

28 2. Dating violence, as defined in s. 784.046(1)(d).

29 (2) (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, the department shall post

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30 a publicly accessible domestic abuser registry on its website
31 which includes each person convicted of a domestic abuse offense
32 on or after that date.

33 (b)1. The registry must include a photograph of the abuser
34 taken as part of the booking process, the abuser's full legal
35 name, and any other identifying information the department
36 determines is necessary to properly identify the abuser and to
37 exclude innocent persons.

38 2. The registry may not include the abuser's social
39 security number, driver license number, or any other state or
40 federal identification number.

41 (c) The clerk of the court in each county shall forward a
42 copy of the judgment and date of birth of each abuser to the
43 department within 30 calendar days after the date of conviction
44 of the abuser.

45 (d)1. Upon an abuser's third conviction, the department
46 shall maintain the abuser's full legal name and other
47 identifying information described in paragraph (b) on the
48 registry for 2 years after the date of the abuser's third
49 conviction, after which time the department shall remove the
50 abuser's full legal name and identifying information from the
51 registry if the abuser is not convicted of another domestic
52 abuse offense during that 2-year period.

53 2. Upon an abuser's subsequent conviction, the department
54 shall maintain the abuser's full legal name and other
55 identifying information described in paragraph (b) on the
56 registry for 5 years after the date of the abuser's most recent
57 conviction, after which time the department shall remove the
58 abuser's full legal name and identifying information from the

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59 registry if the abuser is not convicted of another domestic
60 abuse offense during that 5-year period.

61 (e) The department shall remove an abuser's full legal name
62 and identifying information from the registry if the record of
63 the domestic abuse offense for which the abuser is subject to
64 inclusion in the registry is expunged or sealed pursuant to this
65 chapter.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.