

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 notice of
 9 a conviction for a domestic abuse offense 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
 23 defined in s. 985.03 who has been convicted in this state of
 24 committing 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
 30 post a publicly accessible domestic abuser registry on its
 31 website that includes each person convicted of a domestic abuse
 32 offense 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

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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
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
62 name and identifying information from the registry if the record
63 of 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.