

HB 1337 -- THE MISSOURI DOMESTIC ABUSE OFFENDER REGISTRY

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This bill creates the "Missouri Domestic Abuse Offender Registration Act", which requires an offender convicted of a domestic assault offense to register with the Department of Public Safety within 48 hours of the offender's conviction or release from incarceration, whichever occurs later, and requires the offender to maintain the registration for at least five years following the completion of the offender's sentence, probation, or parole. The bill describes the information an offender is required to provide to the Department, and requires the offender to update his or her information with the Department within five days of any change to the information. A person who fails to register under the provisions of this bill will be guilty of a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 30 days and a fine up to \$500 for a first violation and a felony with a penalty up to two years in prison and a fine up to \$2,000 for a second or subsequent violation.

The Department must maintain a secure and confidential database of registered domestic abuse offenders, which will be accessible by law enforcement agencies to aid in investigations and ensure the safety of victims. The Department is authorized to allocate necessary funding and resources to implement the domestic abuse offender registration system.