

HB 3058 -- REGISTRY OF PERSISTENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: Price

This bill creates within the Department of Public Safety a registry of persistent domestic violence offenders. The registry will be maintained by the State Highway Patrol and will be made available for public inquiry on the internet. The registry available for public inquiry will not include an offender's address, Social Security Number, driver's license number, or any other state or federal identification number. The bill specifies the conditions that make certain offenders eligible to be placed on the registry, the procedures for ensuring an offender is placed on the registry, and the procedures and time frames for an offender to be removed from the registry. An offender who fails to register will be subject to a civil fine or a term of imprisonment according to the terms specified in the bill.

In addition to any other punishment imposed for a conviction of a domestic violence offense, an offender required to register under the provisions of this bill will also be assessed a registration fee of \$150, \$50 of which will be retained for the administration of the registry and \$100 of which will be remitted to the "Domestic Violence Prevention Fund", established in this bill. Moneys in the fund will be used solely to fund and administer grants under the domestic violence prevention program, established in the bill. Grants will be awarded to eligible entities to fund domestic violence prevention and intervention services.

The provisions of this bill will expire on August 28, 2032, and will terminate September 1, 2033, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.

The bill authorizes the Department to create all necessary rules and regulations to administer the provisions of the bill.