

HB 3302 -- ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANIMAL ABUSE OFFENDER REGISTRY

SPONSOR: Rush

This bill requires the State Highway Patrol to post the names of any person convicted of animal abuse on its website, starting January 1, 2027, in a searchable format prescribed by the Department of Public Safety. All circuit court clerks must forward to the Highway Patrol a copy of the judgment and date of birth of all people convicted of animal abuse within 60 days of the judgment. A person convicted of a first offense of animal abuse must remain on the website for two years. For a second or subsequent conviction, the person's name must remain on the website for five years from the date of the most recent conviction. The Highway Patrol must remove a person's name from the website if the only offense that required the person's name to appear on the website has been expunged.