

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON AND SENATOR THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:542.1(D), relative to sex offender registration and notification; to provide
3 relative to sex offender notification requirements; to require certain sex offenders
4 and child predators to provide notification for certain networking websites; to
5 provide for the contents of such notification; to provide for definitions; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:542.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §542.1. Notification of sex offenders and child predators

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11 D.(1) Any person who is required to register pursuant to the provisions of
12 this Chapter, who is otherwise not prohibited from using a networking website, and
13 who creates a profile or who uses the functionality of a networking website to
14 contact or attempt to contact other networking website users shall include in his
15 profile for the networking website an indication that he is a sex offender or child
16 predator and shall include notice of the crime for which he was convicted, the
17 jurisdiction of conviction, a description of his physical characteristics as required by
18 this Section, and his residential address. The person shall ensure that this
19 information is displayed in his profile for the networking website and that such
20 information is visible to, or is able to be viewed by, other users and visitors of the
21 networking website.

22 (2)(a) For purposes of this Subsection, "networking website" means an
23 Internet website, the purpose of which is social interaction with other networking
24 website users, which contains profile web pages of the members of the website that

1 include the names or nicknames of such members, that allows photographs and any
 2 other personal or personally identifying information to be placed on the profile web
 3 pages by such members, and which provides links to other profile web pages on the
 4 networking website of friends or associates of such members that can be accessed
 5 by other members or visitors to the website. A networking website provides
 6 members of, or visitors to, such website the ability to leave messages or comments
 7 on the profile web page that are visible to all or some visitors to the profile web page
 8 and may also include a form of electronic mail for members of the networking
 9 website.

10 (b) For purposes of this Subsection, "networking website" shall not include
 11 any of the following:

12 (i) An Internet website the primary purpose of which is the facilitation of
 13 commercial transactions involving goods or services between its members or
 14 visitors.

15 (ii) An Internet website the primary purpose of which is the dissemination
 16 of news.

17 (iii) An Internet website of a governmental entity.

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