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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1312

1 AN ACT TO CREATE "THE PURPLE ANGELS LAW" TO REGULATE THE
2 REGISTRY OF PERSISTENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS; TO REQUIRE THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CREATE THE REGISTRY; TO REQUIRE THE
4 CLERK OF THE CONVICTING COURT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A REGISTRATION
6 FEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF

8 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
9 "Purple Angels Law."

10 **SECTION 2.** The following words shall have the meanings
11 described herein as follows:

12 (a) "Convicted" or "conviction" means a verdict of
13 guilty by a judge or jury or a plea of guilty, including a plea of
14 nolo contendere or a best interest plea accepted by the court.

15 (b) "Domestic abuse victim" means a person who
16 qualifies as a domestic abuse victim under Section 93-21-1,
17 Mississippi Code of 1972, or any successor provision.

18 (c) "Persistent domestic violence offender means a
19 person who:



20 (i) Has been convicted in this state of an offense
21 committed against a domestic abuse victim; and

22 (ii) Has at least one (1) prior conviction for an
23 offense committed against a domestic abuse victim.

24 (d) "Prior conviction" means a conviction that occurred
25 before the current qualifying offense, regardless of whether the
26 conviction occurred in this state or another jurisdiction,
27 provided the offense would constitute an offense against a
28 domestic abuse victim under Mississippi law.

29 (e) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of
30 Public Safety.

31 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Public Safety
32 shall create a registry of persistent domestic violence offenders.

33 (2) The Department shall maintain the registry using
34 information provided by clerks of court pursuant to this chapter
35 and information available from the Mississippi Department of
36 Corrections and local law enforcement agencies.

37 (3) The Department shall make the registry available for
38 public on the Internet.

39 **SECTION 4.** (1) The public registry shall include the
40 following information for each persistent domestic violence
41 offender:

- 42 (a) Name;
- 43 (b) Date of birth;
- 44 (c) Date of conviction;



45 (d) County or counties of conviction; and

46 (e) A current photograph.

47 (2) When available after reasonable inquiry, the clerk of
48 court shall provide the department with a copy of the offender's
49 driver's license or other state or federal identification and any
50 additional identifying data the department determines is necessary
51 to accurately identify the offender and exclude innocent persons.

52 (3) The registry made available for public inquiry shall not
53 include the offender's Social Security number, driver's license
54 number, or any other state or federal identification number.

55 **SECTION 5.** (1) If a person is convicted of an offense
56 committed against a domestic abuse victim and has at least one (1)
57 prior conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse
58 victim, the court shall, upon proof of the prior conviction, order
59 the defendant to register as a persistent domestic violence
60 offender under this act.

61 (2) When a court orders registration under this act, the
62 clerk of court shall forward to the department a certified copy of
63 the qualifying conviction and the defendant's date of birth within
64 seven (7) days of the date of conviction.

65 **SECTION 6.** (1) In addition to any other penalty imposed by
66 law, a defendant required to register under this act shall be
67 assessed a registration fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
68 (\$250.00).



69 (2) The fee shall be paid to the clerk of the court imposing
70 the sentence, who shall:

71 (a) Retain Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) of the fee for
72 administrative costs associated with processing and transmitting
73 registration information under this chapter;

74 (b) Transmit Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) of the fee to the
75 Mississippi Department of Public Safety to be retained by the
76 department for administrative costs associated with the
77 establishment, maintenance, and enforcement of the registry and
78 implementation of this act; and

79 (c) Remit the remaining One Hundred Fifty Dollars
80 (\$150.00) to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for
81 deposit into the Domestic Violence Fund, to be used exclusively
82 for domestic violence prevention, intervention, and victim support
83 services.

84 (2) Funds remitted under this section shall not revert to
85 the State General Fund at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
86 carried forward for the purposes authorized in this section.

87 **SECTION 7.** The department shall remove the name and
88 identifying information of a persistent domestic violence offender
89 from the registry, as follows:

90 (a) Five (5) years after the date of the most recent
91 conviction if the offender has one (1) prior conviction;

92 (b) Seven (7) years after the date of the most recent
93 conviction if the offender has two (2) prior convictions;



94 (c) Ten (10) years after the date of the most recent
95 conviction if the offender has three (3) prior convictions;

96 (d) Twenty (20) years after the date of the most recent
97 conviction if the offender has four (4) or more prior convictions;
98 or

99 (e) Lifetime if the offender has been convicted of a
100 felony against a domestic violence victim.

101 **SECTION 8.** This act applies only to offenses committed on or
102 after July 1, 2026; however, prior convictions used to establish
103 eligibility for registration are not required to have occurred on
104 or after that date.

105 **SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
106 and after July 1, 2026.

