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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to the registration of  
sex offenders

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 168-b of the correction law, as  
2     amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     6. The division shall also establish a [subdirectory] DIRECTORY pursu-  
5     ant to section one hundred sixty-eight-q of this article.  
6     S 2. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision 6 of section 168-1 of  
7     the correction law, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 106 of the laws  
8     of 2006, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 513 of the laws of 2011 and  
9     paragraph (c) as separately amended by chapters 318 and 680 of the laws  
10    of 2005, are amended to read as follows:  
11    (a) If the risk of repeat offense is low, a level one designation  
12    shall be given to such sex offender. In such case the law enforcement  
13    agency or agencies having jurisdiction and the law enforcement agency or  
14    agencies having had jurisdiction at the time of his or her conviction  
15    shall be notified and may disseminate relevant information which may  
16    include a photograph and description of the offender and which may  
17    include the name of the sex offender, approximate address based on sex  
18    offender's zip code, background information including the offender's  
19    crime of conviction, modus of operation, type of victim targeted, the  
20    name and address of any institution of higher education at which the sex  
21    offender is enrolled, attends, is employed or resides and the  
22    description of special conditions imposed on the offender to any entity  
23    with vulnerable populations related to the nature of the offense commit-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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ted by such sex offender. Any entity receiving information on a sex offender may disclose or further disseminate such information at its discretion. IN ADDITION, IN EACH SUCH CASE, THE NAME OF THE SEX OFFENDER, A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SEX OFFENDER AND APPROXIMATE ADDRESS BASED ON THE SEX OFFENDERS ZIP CODE SHALL ALSO BE PROVIDED IN THE DIRECTORY ESTABLISHED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(b) If the risk of repeat offense is moderate, a level two designation shall be given to such sex offender. In such case the law enforcement agency or agencies having jurisdiction and the law enforcement agency or agencies having had jurisdiction at the time of his or her conviction shall be notified and may disseminate relevant information which shall include a photograph and description of the offender and which may include the exact name and any aliases used by the sex offender, exact address, background information including the offender's crime of conviction, mode of operation, type of victim targeted, the name and address of any institution of higher education at which the sex offender is enrolled, attends, is employed or resides and the description of special conditions imposed on the offender to any entity with vulnerable populations related to the nature of the offense committed by such sex offender. Any entity receiving information on a sex offender may disclose or further disseminate such information at its discretion. In addition, in such case, the information described [herein] IN THIS PARAGRAPH shall also be provided in the [subdirectory] DIRECTORY established in this article and notwithstanding any other provision of law, such information shall, upon request, be made available to the public.

Such law enforcement agencies shall compile, maintain and update a listing of vulnerable organizational entities within its jurisdiction. Such listing shall be utilized for notification of such organizations in disseminating such information on level two sex offenders pursuant to this paragraph. Such listing shall include and not be limited to: superintendents of schools or chief school administrators, superintendents of parks, public and private libraries, public and private school bus transportation companies, day care centers, nursery schools, pre-schools, neighborhood watch groups, community centers, civic associations, nursing homes, victim's advocacy groups and places of worship.

(c) If the risk of repeat offense is high and there exists a threat to the public safety a level three designation shall be given to such sex offender. In such case, the law enforcement agency or agencies having jurisdiction and the law enforcement agency or agencies having had jurisdiction at the time of his or her conviction shall be notified and may disseminate relevant information which shall include a photograph and description of the offender and which may include the sex offender's exact name and any aliases used by the offender, exact address, address of the offender's place of employment, background information including the offender's crime of conviction, mode of operation, type of victim targeted, the name and address of any institution of higher education at which the sex offender is enrolled, attends, is employed or resides and the description of special conditions imposed on the offender to any entity with vulnerable populations related to the nature of the offense committed by such sex offender. Any entity receiving information on a sex offender may disclose or further disseminate such information at its discretion. In addition, in such case, the information described [herein] IN THIS PARAGRAPH shall also be provided in the [subdirectory] DIRECTORY established in this article and notwithstanding any other provision of law, such information shall, upon request, be made available to the public.

1 Such law enforcement agencies shall compile, maintain and update a  
2 listing of vulnerable organizational entities within its jurisdiction.  
3 Such listing shall be utilized for notification of such organizations in  
4 disseminating such information on level three sex offenders pursuant to  
5 this paragraph. Such listing shall include and not be limited to:  
6 superintendents of schools or chief school administrators, superinten-  
7 dents of parks, public and private libraries, public and private school  
8 bus transportation companies, day care centers, nursery schools, pre-  
9 schools, neighborhood watch groups, community centers, civic associ-  
10 ations, nursing homes, victim's advocacy groups and places of worship.

11 S 3. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 168-q of the  
12 correction law, the section heading as amended by chapter 106 of the  
13 laws of 2006 and subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 532 of the laws of  
14 2011, are amended to read as follows:

15 [Subdirectory] DIRECTORY; internet posting. 1. The division shall  
16 maintain a [subdirectory of level two and three sex offenders. The  
17 subdirectory] DIRECTORY WHICH SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES ON  
18 THE INTERNET VIA THE DIVISION HOMEPAGE FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC ACCESS.

19 (A) IN THE CASE OF A SEX OFFENDER WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN A LEVEL ONE  
20 DESIGNATION, THE DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE SEX OFFENDER, A  
21 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SEX OFFENDER AND APPROXIMATE ADDRESS BASED ON THE SEX  
22 OFFENDER'S ZIP CODE.

23 (B) IN THE CASE OF A SEX OFFENDER WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN A LEVEL TWO OR  
24 THREE DESIGNATION, THE DIRECTORY shall include the exact address,  
25 address of the offender's place of employment and photograph of the sex  
26 offender along with the following information, if available: name, phys-  
27 ical description, age and distinctive markings. Background information  
28 including the sex offender's crime of conviction, modus of operation,  
29 type of victim targeted, the name and address of any institution of  
30 higher education at which the sex offender is enrolled, attends, is  
31 employed or resides and a description of special conditions imposed on  
32 the sex offender shall also be included. [The subdirectory shall have  
33 sex offender listings categorized by county and zip code. Such subdirec-  
34 tory shall be made available at all times on the internet via the divi-  
35 sion homepage. Any person may apply to the division to receive automated  
36 e-mail notifications whenever a new or updated subdirectory registration  
37 occurs in a geographic area specified by such person. The division shall  
38 furnish such service at no charge to such person, who shall request  
39 e-mail notification by county and/or zip code on forms developed and  
40 provided by the division. E-mail notification is limited to three  
41 geographic areas per e-mail account.]

42 (C) THE DIVISION SHALL, ON ITS INTERNET HOMEPAGE, PROVIDE A MEANS FOR  
43 ANY PERSON TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE NOTICE AT SUCH PERSON'S ELECTRONIC  
44 MAIL ADDRESS OF ALL SEX OFFENDERS WHO RESIDE OR MOVE INTO THE AREA  
45 ENCOMPASSED BY SUCH PERSON'S ZIP CODE. THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE TIMELY  
46 NOTICE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TO EACH PERSON WHO REGISTERS PURSUANT TO THIS  
47 PARAGRAPH OF EVERY SEX OFFENDER RESIDING IN AND OF EVERY SEX OFFENDER  
48 WHO MOVES INTO THE PERSON'S ZIP CODE. SUCH NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE ALL  
49 INFORMATION AUTHORIZED TO BE DISCLOSED ON EACH SUCH SEX OFFENDER PURSU-  
50 ANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OR (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

51 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
52 it shall have become a law.