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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, O'DONNELL, AUBRY, CUSICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, the penal law, the executive law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to establishing residency restrictions for sex offenders

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 168-b of the  
2 correction law, as relettered by chapter 10 of the laws of 2003, is  
3 relettered paragraph (g) and a new paragraph (f) is added to read as  
4 follows:

5 (f) If the sex offender has been given a level 2 or 3 designation and  
6 stands convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to  
7 this article, whether such offender is subject to a residency  
8 restriction pursuant to section one hundred sixty-eight-w of this arti-  
9 cle.

10 § 2. Section 168-b of the correction law is amended by adding a new  
11 subdivision 13 to read as follows:

12 13. The division, upon initial registration and thereafter in annual  
13 correspondence as required by subdivision four of this section, shall  
14 advise each sex offender who is subject to a residency restriction  
15 pursuant to section one hundred sixty-eight-w of this article, concern-  
16 ing the term's specific duration and the accurate termination date of  
17 such restriction.

18 § 3. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 168-d of the correction law,  
19 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 684 of the laws of 2005 and subdivi-  
20 sion 3 as amended by chapter 11 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 2. Any sex offender, who is released on probation or discharged upon  
23 payment of a fine, conditional discharge or unconditional discharge  
24 shall, prior to such release or discharge, be informed of his or her

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

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1 duty to register under this article by the court in which he or she was  
2 convicted. At the time sentence is imposed, such sex offender shall  
3 register with the division on a form prepared by the division. The court  
4 shall require the sex offender to read and sign such form and to  
5 complete the registration portion of such form. The court shall on such  
6 form obtain the address where the sex offender expects to reside upon  
7 his or her release, and the name and address of any institution of high-  
8 er education he or she expects to be employed by, enrolled in, attending  
9 or employed, whether for compensation or not, and whether he or she  
10 expects to reside in a facility owned or operated by such an institu-  
11 tion, and shall report such information to the division. The court shall  
12 give one copy of the form to the sex offender and shall send two copies  
13 to the division which shall forward the information to the law enforce-  
14 ment agencies having jurisdiction. The court shall also notify the  
15 district attorney and the sex offender of the date of the determination  
16 proceeding to be held pursuant to subdivision three of this section,  
17 which shall be held at least forty-five days after such notice is given.  
18 This notice shall include the following statement or a substantially  
19 similar statement: "This proceeding is being held to determine whether  
20 you will be classified as a level 3 offender (risk of repeat offense is  
21 high), a level 2 offender (risk of repeat offense is moderate), or a  
22 level 1 offender (risk of repeat offense is low), or whether you will be  
23 designated as a sexual predator, a sexually violent offender or a predi-  
24 cate sex offender, which will determine how long you must register as a  
25 sex offender and how much information can be provided to the public  
26 concerning your registration. If you are classified as a level 2 or  
27 level 3 offender for a felony sex offense, the court may also determine  
28 whether you will be subject to a residency restriction which may  
29 restrict where you can establish your permanent residence. If you fail  
30 to appear at this proceeding, without sufficient excuse, it shall be  
31 held in your absence. Failure to appear may result in a longer period of  
32 registration or a higher level of community notification because you are  
33 not present to offer evidence or contest evidence offered by the  
34 district attorney." The court shall also advise the sex offender that  
35 he or she has a right to a hearing prior to the court's determination,  
36 that he or she has the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing  
37 and that counsel will be appointed if he or she is financially unable to  
38 retain counsel. If the sex offender applies for assignment of counsel to  
39 represent him or her at the hearing and counsel was not previously  
40 assigned to represent the sex offender in the underlying criminal  
41 action, the court shall determine whether the offender is financially  
42 unable to retain counsel. If such a finding is made, the court shall  
43 assign counsel to represent the sex offender pursuant to article eigh-  
44 teen-B of the county law. Where the court orders a sex offender released  
45 on probation, such order must include a provision requiring that he or  
46 she comply with the requirements of this article. Where such sex offen-  
47 der violates such provision, probation may be immediately revoked in the  
48 manner provided by article four hundred ten of the criminal procedure  
49 law.

50 3. For sex offenders released on probation or discharged upon payment  
51 of a fine, conditional discharge or unconditional discharge, it shall be  
52 the duty of the court applying the guidelines established in subdivision  
53 five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article to determine  
54 the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of section one  
55 hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article [and], whether such sex offender  
56 shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or

1 predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of section one  
2 hundred sixty-eight-a of this article and, when determining the level of  
3 notification and applying the guidelines established in subdivision  
4 five-a of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, whether a  
5 sex offender, classified as a level 2 or level 3 offender who stands  
6 convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to this arti-  
7 cle, will be subject to a residency restriction pursuant to section one  
8 hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. At least fifteen days prior to  
9 the determination proceeding, the district attorney shall provide to the  
10 court and the sex offender a written statement setting forth the deter-  
11 minations sought by the district attorney together with the reasons for  
12 seeking such determinations. The court shall allow the sex offender to  
13 appear and be heard. The state shall appear by the district attorney, or  
14 his or her designee, who shall bear the burden of proving the facts  
15 supporting the determinations sought by clear and convincing evidence.  
16 Where there is a dispute between the parties concerning the determi-  
17 nations, the court shall adjourn the hearing as necessary to permit the  
18 sex offender or the district attorney to obtain materials relevant to  
19 the determinations from any state or local facility, hospital, institu-  
20 tion, office, agency, department or division. Such materials may be  
21 obtained by subpoena if not voluntarily provided to the requesting  
22 party. In making the determinations, the court shall review any victim's  
23 statement and any relevant materials and evidence submitted by the sex  
24 offender and the district attorney and the court may consider reliable  
25 hearsay evidence submitted by either party provided that it is relevant  
26 to the determinations. Facts previously proven at trial or elicited at  
27 the time of entry of a plea of guilty shall be deemed established by  
28 clear and convincing evidence and shall not be relitigated. The court  
29 shall render an order setting forth its determinations and the findings  
30 of fact and conclusions of law on which the determinations are based. A  
31 copy of the order shall be submitted by the court to the division. Upon  
32 application of either party, the court shall seal any portion of the  
33 court file or record which contains material that is confidential under  
34 any state or federal statute. Either party may appeal as of right from  
35 the order pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six  
36 and fifty-seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has  
37 been assigned to represent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex  
38 offender is financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall  
39 be continued throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may  
40 appeal as a poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
41 law.

42 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 168-k of the correction law, as amended  
43 by chapter 684 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

44 2. The division shall advise the board that the sex offender has  
45 established residence in this state. The board shall determine whether  
46 the sex offender is required to register with the division. If it is  
47 determined that the sex offender is required to register, the division  
48 shall notify the sex offender of his or her duty to register under this  
49 article and shall require the sex offender to sign a form as may be  
50 required by the division acknowledging that the duty to register and the  
51 procedure for registration has been explained to the sex offender. The  
52 division shall obtain on such form the address where the sex offender  
53 expects to reside within the state and the sex offender shall retain one  
54 copy of the form and send two copies to the division which shall provide  
55 the information to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where  
56 the sex offender expects to reside within this state. No later than

thirty days prior to the board making a recommendation, the sex offender shall be notified that his or her case is under review and that he or she is permitted to submit to the board any information relevant to the review. After reviewing any information obtained, and applying the guidelines established in subdivision five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, the board shall within sixty calendar days make a recommendation regarding the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article [and], whether such sex offender shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of this article and, when determining the level of notification and applying the guidelines established in subdivision five-a of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, whether a sex offender, classified as a level 2 or level 3 offender who stands convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to this article, will be subject to a residency restriction pursuant to section one hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. This recommendation shall be confidential and shall not be available for public inspection. It shall be submitted by the board to the county court or supreme court and to the district attorney in the county of residence of the sex offender and to the sex offender. It shall be the duty of the county court or supreme court in the county of residence of the sex offender, applying the guidelines established in subdivision five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, to determine the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article [and], whether such sex offender shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of this article and, when determining the level of notification and applying the guidelines established in subdivision five-a of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, whether a sex offender, classified as a level 2 or level 3 offender who stands convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to this article, will be subject to a residency restriction pursuant to section one hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. At least thirty days prior to the determination proceeding, such court shall notify the district attorney and the sex offender, in writing, of the date of the determination proceeding and the court shall also provide the district attorney and sex offender with a copy of the recommendation received from the board and any statement of the reasons for the recommendation received from the board. This notice shall include the following statement or a substantially similar statement: "This proceeding is being held to determine whether you will be classified as a level 3 offender (risk of repeat offense is high), a level 2 offender (risk of repeat offense is moderate), or a level 1 offender (risk of repeat offense is low), or whether you will be designated as a sexual predator, a sexually violent offender or a predicate sex offender, which will determine how long you must register as a sex offender and how much information can be provided to the public concerning your registration. If you are classified as a level 2 or level 3 offender for a felony sex offense, the court may also determine whether you will be subject to a residency restriction which may restrict where you can establish your permanent residence. If you fail to appear at this proceeding, without sufficient excuse, it shall be held in your absence. Failure to appear may result in a longer period of registration or a higher level of community notification because you are not present to offer evidence or contest evidence offered by the

1 district attorney." The court shall also advise the sex offender that  
2 he or she has a right to a hearing prior to the court's determination,  
3 that he or she has the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing  
4 and that counsel will be appointed if he or she is financially unable to  
5 retain counsel. A returnable form shall be enclosed in the court's  
6 notice to the sex offender on which the sex offender may apply for  
7 assignment of counsel. If the sex offender applies for assignment of  
8 counsel and the court finds that the offender is financially unable to  
9 retain counsel, the court shall assign counsel to represent the sex  
10 offender pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law. If the  
11 district attorney seeks a determination that differs from the recommen-  
12 dation submitted by the board, at least ten days prior to the determi-  
13 nation proceeding the district attorney shall provide to the court and  
14 the sex offender a statement setting forth the determinations sought by  
15 the district attorney together with the reasons for seeking such deter-  
16 minations. The court shall allow the sex offender to appear and be  
17 heard. The state shall appear by the district attorney, or his or her  
18 designee, who shall bear the burden of proving the facts supporting the  
19 determinations sought by clear and convincing evidence. It shall be the  
20 duty of the court applying the guidelines established in subdivision  
21 five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article to determine  
22 the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of section one  
23 hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article [and], whether such sex offender  
24 shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or  
25 predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of section one  
26 hundred sixty-eight-a of this article and, when determining the level of  
27 notification and applying the guidelines established by subdivision  
28 five-a of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, whether a  
29 sex offender, classified as a level 2 or level 3 offender who stands  
30 convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to this arti-  
31 cle, will be subject to a residency restriction pursuant to section one  
32 hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. Where there is a dispute between  
33 the parties concerning the determinations, the court shall adjourn the  
34 hearing as necessary to permit the sex offender or the district attorney  
35 to obtain materials relevant to the determinations from the state board  
36 of examiners of sex offenders or any state or local facility, hospital,  
37 institution, office, agency, department or division. Such materials may  
38 be obtained by subpoena if not voluntarily provided to the requesting  
39 party. In making the determinations the court shall review any victim's  
40 statement and any relevant materials and evidence submitted by the sex  
41 offender and the district attorney and the recommendation and any mate-  
42 rial submitted by the board, and may consider reliable hearsay evidence  
43 submitted by either party, provided that it is relevant to the determi-  
44 nations. If available, facts proven at trial or elicited at the time of  
45 a plea of guilty shall be deemed established by clear and convincing  
46 evidence and shall not be relitigated. The court shall render an order  
47 setting forth its determinations and the findings of fact and conclu-  
48 sions of law on which the determinations are based. A copy of the order  
49 shall be submitted by the court to the division. Upon application of  
50 either party, the court shall seal any portion of the court file or  
51 record which contains material that is confidential under any state or  
52 federal statute. Either party may appeal as of right from the order  
53 pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-  
54 seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been  
55 assigned to represent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex  
56 offender is financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall



1 be continued throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may  
2 appeal as a poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
3 law.

4 § 5. Section 168-1 of the correction law is amended by adding a new  
5 subdivision 5-a to read as follows:

6 5-a. The board shall develop guidelines and procedures to assess  
7 whether to recommend that a sex offender who stands convicted of a felo-  
8 ny should be subject to a residency restriction as described in section  
9 one hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. Such guidelines shall include  
10 the following:

11 (a) whether a residency restriction would adversely impact the  
12 offender's successful reentry and reintegration into society;

13 (b) whether a residency restriction is necessary, based on the  
14 offender's current behavior and present and prospective living arrange-  
15 ments to protect public safety;

16 (c) the ability of the offender to obtain permanent and stable housing  
17 in order to reduce the likelihood that the offender will be transient;

18 (d) the accessibility to supportive services, including, but not  
19 limited to, locally available sex offender treatment programs that have  
20 demonstrated effectiveness in reducing sex offender recidivism and  
21 increasing public safety;

22 (e) the ability of the offender to find gainful and stable employment;  
23 and

24 (f) whether the offense that requires the offender to register pursu-  
25 ant to this article was committed against a minor child.

26 § 6. The opening paragraph of subdivision 6 of section 168-1 of the  
27 correction law, as amended by chapter 11 of the laws of 2002, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 Applying [~~these~~] the guidelines established in subdivision five of  
30 this section, the board shall within sixty calendar days prior to the  
31 discharge, parole, release to post-release supervision or release of a  
32 sex offender make a recommendation which shall be confidential and shall  
33 not be available for public inspection, to the sentencing court as to  
34 whether such sex offender warrants the designation of sexual predator,  
35 sexually violent offender, or predicate sex offender as defined in  
36 subdivision seven of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of this article.  
37 In addition, the guidelines established in subdivision five of this  
38 section shall be applied by the board to make a recommendation to the  
39 sentencing court which shall be confidential and shall not be available  
40 for public inspection, providing for one of the [~~following~~] three levels  
41 of notification described in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subdi-  
42 vision depending upon the degree of the risk of re-offense by the sex  
43 offender. Further, when the board makes a recommendation to the sentenc-  
44 ing court that a sex offender be classified as a level 2 or level 3  
45 offender and such offender stands convicted of a felony which requires  
46 registration pursuant to this article, the board shall also apply the  
47 guidelines established in subdivision five-a of this section and may  
48 make a recommendation regarding whether such offender should be subject  
49 to a residency restriction as described in section one hundred sixty-  
50 eight-w of this article.

51 § 7. Subdivision 7 of section 168-1 of the correction law, as amended  
52 by chapter 11 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

53 7. Upon request by the court, pursuant to section one hundred sixty-  
54 eight-o of this article, the board shall provide an updated report  
55 pertaining to the sex offender petitioning for relief of the duty to  
56 register [~~or~~], for a modification of his or her level of notification or

1 for modification or termination of a residency restriction imposed by  
2 the sentencing court.

3 § 8. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 168-n of the correction law,  
4 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 453 of the laws of 1999 and subdivi-  
5 sion 3 as amended by chapter 684 of the laws of 2005, are amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 2. In addition, applying the guidelines established in subdivision  
8 five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, the sentenc-  
9 ing court shall also make a determination with respect to the level of  
10 notification, after receiving a recommendation from the board pursuant  
11 to section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article. [~~Both~~] Further,  
12 when the court classifies a sex offender as a level 2 or level 3 offen-  
13 der and such offender stands convicted of a felony which requires regis-  
14 tration pursuant to this article and the board has recommended that such  
15 offender be subject to a residency restriction, the court shall apply  
16 the guidelines established in subdivision five-a of section one hundred  
17 sixty-eight-1 of this article and make a determination with respect to  
18 whether such offender shall be subject to a residency restriction in  
19 accordance with section one hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. All  
20 determinations of the sentencing court pursuant to this section shall be  
21 made thirty calendar days prior to discharge, parole or release.

22 3. No later than thirty days prior to the board's recommendation, the  
23 sex offender shall be notified that his or her case is under review and  
24 that he or she is permitted to submit to the board any information rele-  
25 vant to the review. Upon receipt of the board's recommendation, the  
26 sentencing court shall determine whether the sex offender was previously  
27 found to be eligible for assigned counsel in the underlying case. Where  
28 such a finding was previously made, the court shall assign counsel to  
29 represent the offender, pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
30 law. At least twenty days prior to the determination proceeding, the  
31 sentencing court shall notify the district attorney, the sex offender  
32 and the sex offender's counsel, in writing, of the date of the determi-  
33 nation proceeding and shall also provide the district attorney, the sex  
34 offender and the sex offender's counsel with a copy of the recommenda-  
35 tion received from the board and any statement of the reasons for the  
36 recommendation received from the board. This notice shall include the  
37 following statement or a substantially similar statement: "This  
38 proceeding is being held to determine whether you will be classified as  
39 a level 3 offender (risk of repeat offense is high), a level 2 offender  
40 (risk of repeat offense is moderate), or a level 1 offender (risk of  
41 repeat offense is low), or whether you will be designated as a sexual  
42 predator, a sexually violent offender or a predicate sex offender, which  
43 will determine how long you must register as a sex offender and how much  
44 information can be provided to the public concerning your registration.  
45 If you are classified as a level 2 or level 3 offender for a felony sex  
46 offense, the court may also determine whether you will be subject to a  
47 residency restriction which may restrict where you can establish your  
48 permanent residence. If you fail to appear at this proceeding, without  
49 sufficient excuse, it shall be held in your absence. Failure to appear  
50 may result in a longer period of registration or a higher level of  
51 community notification because you are not present to offer evidence or  
52 contest evidence offered by the district attorney." The written notice  
53 to the sex offender shall also advise the offender that he or she has a  
54 right to a hearing prior to the court's determination, and that he or  
55 she has the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing. If coun-  
56 sel has been assigned to represent the offender at the determination

1 proceeding, the notice shall also provide the name, address and tele-  
2 phone number of the assigned counsel. Where counsel has not been  
3 assigned, the notice shall advise the sex offender that counsel will be  
4 appointed if he or she is financially unable to retain counsel, and a  
5 returnable form shall be enclosed in the court's notice to the sex  
6 offender on which the sex offender may apply for assignment of counsel.  
7 If the sex offender applies for assignment of counsel and the court  
8 finds that the offender is financially unable to retain counsel, the  
9 court shall assign counsel to represent the sex offender pursuant to  
10 article eighteen-B of the county law. If the district attorney seeks a  
11 determination that differs from the recommendation submitted by the  
12 board, at least ten days prior to the determination proceeding the  
13 district attorney shall provide to the court and the sex offender a  
14 statement setting forth the determinations sought by the district attor-  
15 ney together with the reasons for seeking such determinations. The court  
16 shall allow the sex offender to appear and be heard. The state shall  
17 appear by the district attorney, or his or her designee, who shall bear  
18 the burden of proving the facts supporting the determinations sought by  
19 clear and convincing evidence. Where there is a dispute between the  
20 parties concerning the determinations, the court shall adjourn the hear-  
21 ing as necessary to permit the sex offender or the district attorney to  
22 obtain materials relevant to the determinations from the state board of  
23 examiners of sex offenders or any state or local facility, hospital,  
24 institution, office, agency, department or division. Such materials may  
25 be obtained by subpoena if not voluntarily provided to the requesting  
26 party. In making the determinations the court shall review any victim's  
27 statement and any relevant materials and evidence submitted by the sex  
28 offender and the district attorney and the recommendation and any mate-  
29 rials submitted by the board, and may consider reliable hearsay evidence  
30 submitted by either party, provided that it is relevant to the determi-  
31 nations. Facts previously proven at trial or elicited at the time of  
32 entry of a plea of guilty shall be deemed established by clear and  
33 convincing evidence and shall not be relitigated. The court shall render  
34 an order setting forth its determinations and the findings of fact and  
35 conclusions of law on which the determinations are based. A copy of the  
36 order shall be submitted by the court to the division. Upon application  
37 of either party, the court shall seal any portion of the court file or  
38 record which contains material that is confidential under any state or  
39 federal statute. Either party may appeal as of right from the order  
40 pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-  
41 seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been  
42 assigned to represent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex  
43 offender is financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall  
44 be continued throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may  
45 appeal as a poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
46 law.

47 § 9. The section heading of section 168-o of the correction law, as  
48 amended by chapter 453 of the laws of 1999, is amended and a new subdi-  
49 vision 2-a is added to read as follows:

50 Petition for relief or modification of level of notification and/or  
51 residency restriction.

52 2-a. Any sex offender subject to a residency restriction pursuant to  
53 this article may petition the court which imposed such restriction for  
54 an order terminating or modifying such residency restriction. The peti-  
55 tion shall set forth the reasons for seeking such modification or termi-  
56 nation. The sex offender shall bear the burden of proving the facts



1 supporting the requested modification or termination by clear and  
2 convincing evidence. Such a petition shall not be considered more than  
3 annually. The district attorney and the sex offender may appeal as of  
4 right from an order issued under this subdivision pursuant to the  
5 provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-seven of the  
6 civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been assigned to repre-  
7 sent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex offender is finan-  
8 cially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall be continued  
9 throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may appeal as a  
10 poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law.

11 § 10. Section 168-o of the correction law is amended by adding a new  
12 subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

13 3-a. Prior to the expiration of a residency restriction ordered pursu-  
14 ant to section one hundred sixty-eight-w of this article, the district  
15 attorney may file a petition with the sentencing court or with the court  
16 which ordered the residency restriction to extend the duration of such  
17 residency restriction in accordance with subdivision four of section one  
18 hundred sixty-eight-w of this article. The petition shall set forth the  
19 reasons for seeking to extend the duration of such residency  
20 restriction. The district attorney shall bear the burden of proving new  
21 facts and circumstances that warrant the requested extension, by clear  
22 and convincing evidence. In the event that the district attorney's peti-  
23 tion is granted, the sex offender may appeal as of right from the order,  
24 pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-  
25 seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been  
26 assigned to represent the offender upon the ground that he or she is  
27 financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall be continued  
28 throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may proceed as a  
29 poor person, pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law.

30 § 11. Subdivision 4 of section 168-o of the correction law, as added  
31 by chapter 453 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

32 4. Upon receipt of a petition submitted pursuant to subdivision one,  
33 two [~~or~~], two-a, three, or three-a of this section, the court shall  
34 forward a copy of the petition to the board and request an updated  
35 recommendation pertaining to the sex offender and shall provide a copy  
36 of the petition to the other party. The court shall also advise the sex  
37 offender that he or she has the right to be represented by counsel at  
38 the hearing and counsel will be appointed if he or she is financially  
39 unable to retain counsel. A returnable form shall be enclosed in the  
40 court's notice to the sex offender on which the sex offender may apply  
41 for assignment of counsel. If the sex offender applies for assignment  
42 of counsel and the court finds that the offender is financially unable  
43 to retain counsel, the court shall assign counsel to represent the  
44 offender, pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law. Where the  
45 petition was filed by a district attorney, at least thirty days prior to  
46 making an updated recommendation the board shall notify the sex offender  
47 and his or her counsel that the offender's case is under review and he  
48 or she is permitted to submit to the board any information relevant to  
49 the review. The board's updated recommendation on the sex offender  
50 shall be confidential and shall not be available for public inspection.  
51 After receiving an updated recommendation from the board concerning a  
52 sex offender, the court shall, at least thirty days prior to ruling upon  
53 the petition, provide a copy of the updated recommendation to the sex  
54 offender, the sex offender's counsel and the district attorney and noti-  
55 fy them, in writing, of the date set by the court for a hearing on the  
56 petition. After reviewing the recommendation received from the board and

1 any relevant materials and evidence submitted by the sex offender and  
2 the district attorney, the court may grant or deny the petition. The  
3 court may also consult with the victim prior to making a determination  
4 on the petition. The court shall render an order setting forth its  
5 determination, and the findings of fact and conclusions of law on which  
6 the determination is based. If the petition is granted, it shall be the  
7 obligation of the court to submit a copy of its order to the division.  
8 Upon application of either party, the court shall seal any portion of  
9 the court file or record which contains material that is confidential  
10 under any state or federal statute.

11 § 12. Section 168-t of the correction law, as amended by chapter 373  
12 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

13 § 168-t. Penalty. Any sex offender required to register or to verify  
14 pursuant to the provisions of this article who fails to register or  
15 verify in the manner and within the time periods provided for in this  
16 article shall be guilty of a class E felony upon conviction for the  
17 first offense, and upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense  
18 shall be guilty of a class D felony. Any sex offender who violates the  
19 provisions of section one hundred sixty-eight-v of this article or know-  
20 ingly violates a residency restriction imposed pursuant to section one  
21 hundred sixty-eight-w of this article shall be guilty of a class A  
22 misdemeanor upon conviction for the first offense, and upon conviction  
23 for a second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a class D felony.  
24 Any such failure to register or verify may also be the basis for revoca-  
25 tion of parole pursuant to section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the exec-  
26 utive law or the basis for revocation of probation pursuant to article  
27 four hundred ten of the criminal procedure law.

28 § 13. Section 168-w of the correction law, as relettered by chapter  
29 604 of the laws of 2005, is relettered section 168-x and a new section  
30 168-w is added to read as follows:

31 § 168-w. Residency restriction for certain sex offenders. 1. Pursuant  
32 to subdivision three of section one hundred sixty-eight-d, subdivision  
33 two of section one hundred sixty-eight-k and subdivision two of section  
34 one hundred sixty-eight-n of this article, when the court which makes  
35 the determination regarding the level of notification of a sex offender  
36 classifies such offender as a level 2 or level 3 offender and such  
37 offender was convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant  
38 to this article and, where applicable, the board has recommended that  
39 such offender be subject to a residency restriction, the court may order  
40 that such offender comply with a residency restriction according to this  
41 section. Such residency restriction may be imposed only after the court  
42 has applied the guidelines established in subdivision five-a of section  
43 one hundred sixty-eight-l of this article.

44 2. When the court determines that a residency restriction is necessary  
45 pursuant to the provisions of this article, the court may order that the  
46 sex offender be prohibited from knowingly establishing his or her perma-  
47 nent residence within up to one thousand feet of any school grounds, as  
48 the term is defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision fourteen of section  
49 220.00 of the penal law. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term  
50 permanent residence shall mean the place where the offender maintains a  
51 fixed, permanent and principal home and to which he or she, whenever  
52 temporarily away, intends to return. Permanent residence shall not  
53 include temporary or transitional housing such as a shelter, residential  
54 treatment program, or other similar temporary or transient housing.

55 3. The court shall determine the duration of the residency restriction  
56 imposed pursuant to this section provided, however, that such

restriction shall not apply for more than ten years after the later of the offender's release from jail or prison or the period or term of probation, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision for the offense which requires the offender to register as a sex offender pursuant to this article. In calculating the duration of the residency restriction, any period of time during which the offender is incarcerated for any reason after such residency restriction is ordered shall be excluded and the duration of the restriction shall be extended by a period or periods equal to the time of such incarceration.

4. Where the court has granted a petition to extend the duration of a residency restriction pursuant to subdivisions three-a and four of section one hundred sixty-eight-o of this article, such extension may be for a period of up to five years.

§ 14. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4-a of section 65.10 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

(a) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge upon a person convicted of an offense defined in article one hundred thirty, two hundred thirty-five or two hundred sixty-three of this chapter, or section 255.25, 255.26 or 255.27 of this chapter, and the victim of such offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such offense or such person has been designated a level three sex offender pursuant to subdivision six of section ~~[168-1]~~ one hundred sixty-eight-1 of the correction law, the court shall require, as a mandatory condition of such sentence, that such sentenced offender shall refrain from knowingly entering into or upon any school grounds, as that term is defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision fourteen of section 220.00 of this chapter, or any other facility or institution primarily used for the care or treatment of persons under the age of eighteen while one or more of such persons under the age of eighteen are present, provided however, that when such sentenced offender is a registered student or participant or an employee of such facility or institution or entity contracting therewith or has a family member enrolled in such facility or institution, such sentenced offender may, with the written authorization of his or her probation officer or the court and the superintendent or chief administrator of such facility, institution or grounds, enter such facility, institution or upon such grounds for the limited purposes authorized by the probation officer or the court and superintendent or chief officer. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as restricting any lawful condition of supervision that may be imposed on such sentenced offender.

§ 15. Subdivision 14 of section 259-c of the executive law, as amended by section 38-b of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

14. notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, where a person serving a sentence for an offense defined in article one hundred thirty, one hundred thirty-five or two hundred sixty-three of the penal law or section 255.25, 255.26 or 255.27 of the penal law and the victim of such offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such offense or such person has been designated a level three sex offender pursuant to subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of the correction law, is released on parole or conditionally released pursuant to subdivision one or two of this section, the board shall require, as a mandatory condition of such release, that such sentenced offender shall refrain from knowingly entering into or upon any school grounds, as that term is defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision four-

1 teen of section 220.00 of the penal law, or any other facility or insti-  
2 tution primarily used for the care or treatment of persons under the age  
3 of eighteen while one or more of such persons under the age of eighteen  
4 are present, provided however, that when such sentenced offender is a  
5 registered student or participant or an employee of such facility or  
6 institution or entity contracting therewith or has a family member  
7 enrolled in such facility or institution, such sentenced offender may,  
8 with the written authorization of his or her parole officer and the  
9 superintendent or chief administrator of such facility, institution or  
10 grounds, enter such facility, institution or upon such grounds for the  
11 limited purposes authorized by the parole officer and superintendent or  
12 chief officer. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as  
13 restricting any lawful condition of supervision that may be imposed on  
14 such sentenced offender.

15 § 16. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 530.13 of the  
16 criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 240 of the laws of 2015,  
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 Upon sentencing on a conviction for any offense, where the court has  
19 not issued an order of protection pursuant to section 530.12 of this  
20 article, the court may, in addition to any other disposition, including  
21 a conditional discharge or youthful offender adjudication, enter an  
22 order of protection. Where a temporary order of protection was issued,  
23 the court shall state on the record the reasons for issuing or not issu-  
24 ing an order of protection. The duration of such an order shall be fixed  
25 by the court and; (A) in the case of a felony conviction, shall not  
26 exceed the greater of: (i) eight years from the date of such sentencing,  
27 except where the sentence is or includes a sentence of probation on a  
28 conviction for a felony sexual assault, as provided in subparagraph  
29 (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision three of section 65.00 of the  
30 penal law, in which case, ten years from the date of such sentencing, or  
31 (ii) eight years from the date of the expiration of the maximum term of  
32 an indeterminate or the term of a determinate sentence of imprisonment  
33 actually imposed; or (B) in the case of a conviction for a class A  
34 misdemeanor, shall not exceed the greater of: (i) five years from the  
35 date of such sentencing, except where the sentence is or includes a  
36 sentence of probation on a conviction for a misdemeanor sexual assault,  
37 as provided in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision three  
38 of section 65.00 of the penal law, in which case, six years from the  
39 date of such sentencing or (ii) five years from the date of the expira-  
40 tion of the maximum term of a definite or intermittent term actually  
41 imposed; or (C) in the case of a conviction for any other offense, shall  
42 not exceed the greater of: (i) two years from the date of sentencing, or  
43 (ii) two years from the date of the expiration of the maximum term of a  
44 definite or intermittent term actually imposed, provided, however, that  
45 in the case of a conviction for an offense for which registration as a  
46 sex offender is required pursuant to subdivision two or three of section  
47 one hundred sixty-eight-a of the correction law, and the victim of such  
48 offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such offense, the  
49 duration of an order of protection issued pursuant to this subdivision  
50 may be, but shall not exceed, the greater of the applicable duration  
51 provided for in the foregoing provisions of this subdivision or until  
52 the victim of such offense attains the age of eighteen. For purposes of  
53 determining the duration of an order of protection entered pursuant to  
54 this subdivision, a conviction shall be deemed to include a conviction  
55 that has been replaced by a youthful offender adjudication. In addition  
56 to any other conditions such an order may require that the defendant:

§ 17. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 530.13 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Upon sentencing on a conviction for any offense, where the court has not issued an order of protection pursuant to section 530.12 of this article, the court may, in addition to any other disposition, including a conditional discharge or youthful offender adjudication, enter an order of protection. Where a temporary order of protection was issued, the court shall state on the record the reasons for issuing or not issuing an order of protection. The duration of such an order shall be fixed by the court and, in the case of a felony conviction, shall not exceed the greater of: (i) five years from the date of such sentencing, or (ii) three years from the date of the expiration of the maximum term of an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment actually imposed; or in the case of a conviction for a class A misdemeanor, shall not exceed three years from the date of such sentencing; or in the case of a conviction for any other offense, shall not exceed one year from the date of sentencing, provided, however, that in the case of a conviction for an offense for which registration as a sex offender is required pursuant to subdivision two or three of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of the correction law, and the victim of such offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such offense, the duration of an order of protection issued pursuant to this subdivision may be, but shall not exceed, the greater of the applicable duration provided for in the foregoing provisions of this subdivision or until the victim of such offense attains the age of eighteen. For purposes of determining the duration of an order of protection entered pursuant to this subdivision, a conviction shall be deemed to include a conviction that has been replaced by a youthful offender adjudication. In addition to any other conditions such an order may require that the defendant:

§ 18. No municipal corporation, as defined in section 2 of the general municipal law, shall, on or after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of 2021 that created this section, enact any local law, ordinance, code, rule or regulation requiring a sex offender, as such term is defined by section 168-a of the correction law, to comply with a residency restriction. The provisions of this act shall invalidate and preempt any such local law, ordinance, code, rule or regulation enacted after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of 2021 that added this section.

§ 19. The provisions of this act shall preempt and invalidate any local law, ordinance, code, rule or regulation enacted before the effective date of the chapter of the laws of 2021 that added this section requiring a sex offender, as such term is defined by section 168-a of the correction law, to comply with a residency restriction, except that nothing in this act shall preclude any local probation department from enforcing any lawful condition of probation that may be imposed on a sentenced offender.

§ 20. The district attorney may file a petition to seek the imposition of a residency restriction for: (i) a sex offender classified as a level 2 or 3 offender who stands convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to article 6-C of the correction law and who is at liberty on the effective date of this act; and (ii) a sex offender who was convicted of a felony which requires registration pursuant to article 6-C of the correction law prior to the effective date of this act and is incarcerated in a state or local correctional facility on the effective date of this act and is classified as a level 2 or 3 offender.



1 A petition filed pursuant to paragraph (i) of this section shall be  
2 filed with the sentencing court or the court which made the determi-  
3 nation regarding the level of notification of such offender within one  
4 year of the effective date of this act. A petition filed pursuant to  
5 paragraph (ii) of this section shall be filed with the sentencing court  
6 or the court which made the determination regarding the level of notifi-  
7 cation of such offender within one year of the release of such offender  
8 from incarceration. The petition shall set forth the reasons for seeking  
9 the residency restriction and the district attorney shall bear the  
10 burden, by clear and convincing evidence, of proving the facts support-  
11 ing the imposition of a residency restriction. Upon receipt of a peti-  
12 tion submitted pursuant to this section, the court shall proceed in a  
13 manner consistent with subdivision 4 of section 168-o of the correction  
14 law. Applying the guidelines established in subdivision 5-a of section  
15 168-1 of the correction law, the court shall determine whether to impose  
16 a residency restriction on the offender named in the petition pursuant  
17 to section 168-w of the correction law. In the event that the district  
18 attorney's petition is granted, the sex offender may appeal as of right  
19 from the order, pursuant to the provisions of articles 55, 56 and 57 of  
20 the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been assigned to  
21 represent the offender upon the ground that he or she is financially  
22 unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall be continued throughout  
23 the pendency of the appeal, and the person may proceed as a poor person,  
24 pursuant to article 18-B of the county law.

25 § 21. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
26 ments to the opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 530.13 of the  
27 criminal procedure law made by section sixteen of this act shall be  
28 subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to  
29 section 74 of chapter 3 of the laws of 1995, as amended, when upon such  
30 date the provisions of section seventeen of this act shall take effect.