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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to the registration information required to be reported by a sex offender

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 168-b of the
2 correction law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (a) The sex offender's name, social security number, all aliases used,
5 date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, driver's license
6 number, past home addresses, current home address and/or expected place
7 of domicile, any internet accounts with internet access providers
8 belonging to such offender and internet identifiers that such offender
9 uses. For the purposes of this paragraph, "internet accounts" shall
10 include, but not be limited to, all social media accounts and online
11 gamer accounts belonging to such offender.

12 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 168-f of the correction law, as amended
13 by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

14 4. Any sex offender shall register with the division no later than ten
15 calendar days after any change of address, internet accounts with inter-
16 net access providers belonging to such offender, internet identifiers
17 that such offender uses, social media accounts, online gamer accounts or
18 ~~[his or her]~~ such offender's status of enrollment, attendance, employ-
19 ment or residence at any institution of higher education. A fee of ten
20 dollars, as authorized by subdivision eight of section one hundred
21 sixty-eight-b of this article, shall be submitted by the sex offender
22 each time such offender registers any change of address or any change of
23 ~~[his or her]~~ such offender's status of enrollment, attendance, employ-
24 ment or residence at any institution of higher education. Any failure or

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

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1 omission to submit the required fee shall not affect the acceptance by
2 the division of the change of address or change of status.

3 § 3. Section 168-a of the correction law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 19 to read as follows:

5 19. "Online gamer account" means a user name or other name, or identi-
6 ifying data that allows such individual or user to engage, spectate,
7 message, communicate, participate, or play on the internet, console,
8 gaming system, and/or network, in which other individuals can engage in
9 the same game, games, activities, or multiplayer features. An "online
10 gamer account" includes, but is not limited to, a console gaming
11 account, computer gaming account, user tag, user account, user name,
12 network account, X-box gamer tag, PlayStation Network name, Nintendo
13 Network ID, Nintendo Switch Online account/name, online multiplayer user
14 name, online multiplayer playing account, unique user name, or any other
15 profile and/or named account that allows such individual or user to
16 engage, spectate, message, communicate, participate, or play on the
17 internet, console, gaming system, and/or network, in which other indi-
18 viduals can engage in the same game, games, activities, or multiplayer
19 features.

20 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.