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Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- 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 requiring hotels or motels receiving money from the state to house registered sex offenders to notify potential customers that there are registered sex offenders staying on the premises

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

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

5. IN THE CASE OF ANY SEX OFFENDER WHOSE RESIDENCE IS A HOTEL OR MOTEL CONTRACTING WITH THE STATE OR A COUNTY TO HOUSE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS, SUCH HOTEL OR MOTEL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CONSPICUOUSLY POST IN A PROMINENT AND VISIBLE AREA BEHIND THE REGISTRATION DESK A SIGN, IN AT LEAST THIRTY-SIX POINT PRINT, INFORMING POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS THAT THERE IS ONE OR MORE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS STAYING ON THE PREMISES. IF A CUSTOMER IS MAKING A RESERVATION VIA THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE AT SUCH A HOTEL OR MOTEL, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE HOTEL OR MOTEL TO INFORM THE CUSTOMER AT SUCH TIME THAT THERE IS ONE OR MORE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS STAYING ON THE PREMISES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "HOTEL OR MOTEL" SHALL MEAN ANY SHELTER, HOTEL OR MOTEL, OR OTHER LOCATION WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR IS OPEN TO THOSE IN NEED OF SUCH RESIDENCE BECAUSE OF SUCH PERSON'S LACK OF OTHER RESIDENTIAL LIVING SPACE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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