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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to prohibiting registered sex offenders from working with children

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

1 Section 1. Section 168-w of the correction law, as relettered by chap-
2 ter 604 of the laws of 2005, is relettered section 168-x and a new
3 section 168-w is added to read as follows:
4 S 168-W. SEX OFFENDERS PROHIBITED FROM WORKING WITH CHILDREN. 1. NO
5 PERSON REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN REGISTRATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE
6 ALLOWED TO ACCEPT A POSITION, EITHER AS PAID EMPLOYMENT OR A VOLUNTEER
7 POSITION, WHICH BY THE INHERENT NATURE OF THE POSITION PLACES THE PERSON
8 IN SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT WITH CHILDREN. THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO APPLY TO
9 ANY PERSON SEEKING A PERMIT OR PERMISSION TO EXECUTE ANY ACTIVITY OR
10 PERFORMANCE THAT WOULD PRESENT A DIRECT CONTACT WITH CHILDREN.
11 2. EXAMPLES OF SUCH POSITIONS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
12 A. ANY POSITION IN A SCHOOL INCLUDING TEACHERS, TEACHER-AIDES, ADMIN-
13 ISTRATORS, ASSISTANTS, CAFETERIA WORKERS, JANITORS, NURSES OR ANY OTHER
14 PERSON WORKING IN A SCHOOL THAT WOULD HAVE CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN
15 ATTENDING A SCHOOL;
16 B. ANY POSITION IN A CHILD-CARE FACILITY;
17 C. ANY RECREATIONAL POSITION SUCH AS A COACH, BOY OR GIRL SCOUT LEAD-
18 ER, CAMP COUNSELOR, LIFEGUARD, INSTRUCTOR OR ANY OTHER RECREATIONAL
19 POSITION IN A PARK, PLAYGROUND, AMUSEMENT PARK, POOL OR ANY OTHER FACIL-
20 ITY THAT WOULD ALLOW A SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT WITH CHILDREN; OR
21 D. ANY STORE OR RESTAURANT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TOWARDS CHIL-
22 DREN SUCH AS A TOY STORE OR CHILDREN'S THEME RESTAURANT.
23 3. EMPLOYERS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES SHALL BE PROVIDED
24 ACCESS TO THE STATEWIDE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT
25 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING A BACKGROUND CHECK FOR ANY CONVICTIONS OF
26 SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD. EVERY EMPLOYER, ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT
27 ENTITY SHALL CHECK ANY POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS SEEKING TO
28 ASSUME A POSITION THAT WILL ALLOW SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT WITH CHILDREN

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

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1 AGAINST BOTH THE STATEWIDE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREAT-
2 MENT AND THE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS DATABASE TO ASCERTAIN IF SAID
3 PERSON HAS A CONVICTION FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD.

4 4. "SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT WITH CHILDREN" AS USED IN THIS SECTION SHALL
5 MEAN WORKING WITH CHILDREN, HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO BE ALONE WITH CHIL-
6 DREN, SPENDING TIME SPECIFICALLY WITH CHILDREN, PERFORMING FOR CHILDREN
7 OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT IS TARGETED TO INVOLVE CHILDREN.

8 5. A. ANY REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER WHO SEEKS OR ACCEPTS A POSITION IN
9 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR UPON
10 THE FIRST CONVICTION THEREOF, AND UPON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION
11 THEREOF SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS D FELONY.

12 B. ANY EMPLOYER OR ORGANIZATION THAT KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS A SEX OFFENDER
13 IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE GUILTY OF A
14 CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
16 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.