2011-2012 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 10, 2011

Introduced by Sen. KLEIN -- 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 definition of and information provided about sex offenders

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 168-a of the correction law, as added by chapter 69 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

- (e) a conviction of OR A CONVICTION FOR AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT any of the provisions of subdivision two, three or four of section 250.45 of the penal law, unless upon motion by the defendant, the trial court, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the crime and to the history and character of the defendant, is of the opinion that registration would be unduly harsh and inappropriate.
- S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 6 of section 168-1 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- (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, [approximate] EXACT address [based on sex offender's zip code], 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

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

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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 shall also be provided in the subdirectory 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, preschools, neighborhood watch groups, community centers, civic associations, nursing homes, victim's advocacy groups and places of worship.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 168-a of the correction law made by section one of this act shall apply to persons convicted of an attempt to commit any of the provisions of subdivision 2, 3 or 4 of section 250.45 of the penal law who committed such offense prior to, on or after the effective date of this act; except that, with regard to persons who committed such offense prior to the effective date of this act, this act shall only apply to persons who have not completed service of the sentence for such offense prior to such effective date.