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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to the residency and verification requirements and penalties for certain sex offenders

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

1 Section 1. Section 168-a of the correction law is amended by adding 2 two new subdivisions 19 and 20 to read as follows:

19. "SCHOOL GROUNDS" MEANS ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ATHLETIC PLAYING
FIELD, PLAYGROUND OR LAND CONTAINED WITHIN THE REAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY
LINE OR A LICENSED OR REGISTERED DAY CARE CENTER, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
ELEMENTARY, PAROCHIAL, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR HIGH, VOCATIONAL, OR HIGH
SCHOOL, OR SIMILAR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE CHILDREN ARE IN REGULAR
ATTENDANCE.

9 20. "RESIDENCE" MEANS ANY PLACE OF ABODE, DOMICILE, OR INHABITANCE 10 WHERE A CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER SPENDS OR INTENDS TO SPEND MORE THAN 11 THREE NIGHTS A WEEK. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, A PERSON MAY HAVE 12 MORE THAN ONE RESIDENCE.

13 S 2. The section heading of section 168-e of the correction law, as 14 added by chapter 192 of the laws of 1995, is amended and a new subdivi-15 sion 3 is added to read as follows:

16 Discharge, PAROLE, OR RELEASE of sex offender [from correctional 17 facility]; duties of official in charge.

NO PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE
 WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR CONVICTED FOR AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT ANY
 OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 255.25, ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OR ARTICLE TWO
 HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE PENAL LAW OR ANY OTHER OFFENSES DEFINED IN
 SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT-A OF THIS ARTICLE WHERE THE VICTIM OF

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

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WAS A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND WHO IS OR HAS 1 SUCH OFFENSE 2 PAROLED, RELEASED TO POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION BEEN DISCHARGED, OR 3 RELEASED FROM A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, HOSPITAL OR INSTI-4 TUTION WHERE HE OR SHE WAS CONFINED OR COMMITTED SHALL RESIDE WITHIN ONE 5 THOUSAND FEET OF ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS AS MEASURED IN STRAIGHT LINES FROM 6 THE CENTER OF THE NEAREST POINT OF INGRESS OR EGRESS OF THE RESIDENCE TO 7 THE NEAREST REAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

8 S 3. Section 168-t of the correction law, as amended by chapter 373 of 9 the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

10 S 168-t. Penalty. 1. Any sex offender required to register or to veri-11 fy pursuant to the provisions of this article who fails to register or 12 verify in the manner and within the time periods provided for in this 13 article shall be guilty of a class E felony upon conviction for the 14 first offense, and upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense 15 shall be guilty of a class D felony.

16 2. Any sex offender who violates the provisions of section one hundred 17 sixty-eight-v of this article shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor 18 upon conviction for the first offense, and upon conviction for a second 19 or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a class D felony.

3. ANY SEX OFFENDER WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION THREE
OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT-E OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF
A CLASS E FELONY UPON CONVICTION FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, AND UPON
CONVICTION FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS
D FELONY.

4. Any such failure to register [or], verify, OR ABIDE BY RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS may also be the basis for revocation of parole pursuant to section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the executive law or the basis for revocation of probation pursuant to article four hundred ten of the criminal procedure law.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY AND 30 5. Α. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION, 31 SEX ANY 32 OFFENDER FOUND GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION ON TWO OR MORE 33 OCCASIONS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A LOCATION-TRANSMITTING DEVICE AT 34 ALL TIMES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD OF PROBATION, PAROLE, CONDI-35 TIONAL RELEASE OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION. THE LOCATION-TRANSMITTING SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE SEX OFFENDER BY THE AGENCY SUPERVISING 36 DEVICE 37 THE SEX OFFENDER AND SUCH AGENCY SHALL REGULARLY AND FREQUENTLY MONITOR 38 THE INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY THE DEVICE.

39 в. THE COST OF INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING THE LOCATION-TRANSMITTING 40 DEVICE SHALL BE BORNE BY THE PERSON SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITION UNLESS THE COURT DETERMINES SUCH PERSON IS FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO AFFORD SUCH COST 41 WHEREUPON SUCH COST MAY BE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO A PAYMENT PLAN OR WAIVED. 42 43 SUCH COST SHALL BE CONSIDERED A FINE FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBDIVISION 44 FIVE OF SECTION 420.10 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW. SUCH COST SHALL 45 NOT REPLACE, BUT SHALL INSTEAD BE IN ADDITION TO, ANY FINES, SURCHARGES, OR OTHER COSTS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER OR OTHER APPLICABLE 46 47 LAWS.

48 C. ANY SEX OFFENDER WHO IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A LOCATION-TRANSMITTING 49 DEVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION WHO VIOLATES SUCH REQUIREMENT SHALL 50 BE GUILTY OF A CLASS D FELONY AND SUCH VIOLATION MAY BE THE BASIS FOR 51 REVOCATION OF PAROLE PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-I OF THE 52 EXECUTIVE LAW OR THE BASIS FOR REVOCATION OF PROBATION PURSUANT TO ARTI-53 CLE FOUR HUNDRED TEN OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW.

6. ANY SEX OFFENDER REQUIRED TO REGISTER OR TO VERIFY PURSUANT TO THE
55 PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE WHO KNOWINGLY SUBMITS FALSE INFORMATION
56 RESPECTING HIS OR HER IDENTITY OR RESIDENCE IN THE COURSE OF COMPLETING

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HIS OR HER DUTY TO REGISTER OR TO VERIFY HIS OR HER RESIDENCE PURSUANT
TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS E FELONY.
S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed4 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.