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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to sex offender registration and residency restrictions

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

1     Section 1. Section 168-h of the correction law, as amended by chapter  
2     11 of the laws of 2002, and subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter 1  
3     of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

4     S 168-h. Duration of registration and verification. 1. The duration of  
5     registration and verification for a sex offender who has not been desig-  
6     nated a sexual predator, or a sexually violent offender, or a predicate  
7     sex offender, and who is classified as a level one risk, or who has not  
8     yet received a risk level classification, shall be annually for a period  
9     of twenty years from the initial date of registration.

10    2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A SEX OFFENDER WHO IS CLASSIFIED AS  
11    A LEVEL ONE RISK AND HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED FOR AN  
12    ATTEMPT TO COMMIT:

13    (I) ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 120.70, 130.35, 130.50, 130.53,  
14    130.65, 130.65-A, 130.66, 130.67, 130.70, 130.75, 130.80, 130.90,  
15    130.91, 130.95, 130.96, 135.05, 135.10, 135.20, 135.25, 230.06, 230.32,  
16    250.50, 255.27, 263.10, 263.15 OR 263.30 OF THE PENAL LAW;

17    (II) ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2260,  
18    2422, 2423 OR 2425 OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE; OR

19    (III) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OFFENSE IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION  
20    WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING  
21    CRIMES IN THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL REGISTER ANNUALLY FOR LIFE.

22    3. A SEX OFFENDER WHO IS CLASSIFIED AS A LEVEL ONE RISK AND HAS BEEN  
23    CONVICTED OF OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED FOR AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT ANY OF THE  
24    PROVISIONS OF SECTION 130.25, 130.30, 130.40, 130.45, 130.55 OR 130.60,  
25    OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OFFENSE IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION WHICH

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

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1 INCLUDES ALL OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING CRIMES IN  
2 THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL REGISTER ANNUALLY FOR LIFE UNLESS AT THE TIME OF  
3 THE ACT, THE DEFENDANT WAS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD, IN WHICH CASE  
4 REGISTRATION SHALL BE ANNUALLY FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE  
5 INITIAL DATE OF REGISTRATION.

6 4. The duration of registration and verification for a sex offender  
7 who, on or after March eleventh, two thousand two, is designated a sexu-  
8 al predator, or a sexually violent offender, or a predicate sex offen-  
9 der, or who is classified as a level two or level three risk, shall be  
10 annually for life. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a sex offender who is  
11 classified as a LEVEL ONE OR level two risk and who is not designated a  
12 sexual predator, a sexually violent offender or a predicate sex offen-  
13 der, may be relieved of the duty to register and verify AFTER A MINIMUM  
14 PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS OF REGISTRATION as provided by subdivision one of  
15 section one hundred sixty-eight-o of this article.

16 [3.] 5. Any sex offender having been designated a level three risk or  
17 a sexual predator shall also personally verify his or her address every  
18 ninety calendar days with the local law enforcement agency having juris-  
19 diction where the offender resides.

20 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 168-o of the correction law, as amended  
21 by chapter 1 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

22 1. Any sex offender who is classified as a LEVEL ONE OR level two  
23 risk, and who has not been designated a sexual predator, or a sexually  
24 violent offender, or a predicate sex offender, who is required to regis-  
25 ter or verify pursuant to this article and who has been registered for a  
26 minimum period of thirty years may be relieved of any further duty to  
27 register upon the granting of a petition for relief by the sentencing  
28 court or by the court which made the determination regarding duration of  
29 registration and level of notification. The sex offender shall bear the  
30 burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that his or her risk  
31 of repeat offense and threat to public safety is such that registration  
32 or verification is no longer necessary. Such petition, if granted, shall  
33 not relieve the petitioner of the duty to register pursuant to this  
34 article upon conviction of any offense requiring registration in the  
35 future. Such a petition shall not be considered more than once every two  
36 years. In the event that the sex offender's petition for relief is  
37 granted, the district attorney may appeal as of right from the order  
38 pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-  
39 seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been  
40 assigned to represent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex  
41 offender is financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall  
42 be continued throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may  
43 appeal as a poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
44 law.

45 S 3. Section 168-w of the correction law, as relettered by chapter 604  
46 of the laws of 2005, is relettered section 168-x and a new section 168-w  
47 is added to read as follows:

48 S 168-W. CHILD AND VICTIM SAFETY ZONES. COUNTIES SHALL MONITOR AND  
49 VERIFY REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE AND MAY ENACT BY LOCAL LAW OR RESOLUTION  
50 SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR SEX OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO REGIS-  
51 TER PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS:

52 1. DO NOT REQUIRE A SEX OFFENDER TO LIVE BEYOND ONE THOUSAND FEET FROM  
53 PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR ALL LEVEL THREE REGISTRANTS, FOR  
54 REGISTRANTS WHO COMMITTED AN OFFENSE AGAINST A MINOR, AND FOR REGIS-  
55 TRANTS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A DESIGNATION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

1       2. DO NOT REQUIRE A SEX OFFENDER TO LIVE BEYOND A QUARTER MILE FROM  
2 THE WORKPLACE AND RESIDENCE OF ANY REGISTRANT'S VICTIM OR VICTIMS.

3       3. DO NOT REQUIRE A SEX OFFENDER TO LIVE BEYOND A QUARTER MILE FROM  
4 THE RESIDENCE OF A DECEASED VICTIM, IF THE FAMILY OF THE VICTIM CONTIN-  
5 UES TO RESIDE AT THAT RESIDENCE.

6       S 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
7 have become a law.