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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 registration information required to be reported by a sex offender

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 168-b of the correction law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The sex offender's name, **social security number,** all aliases used, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, driver's license number, **past home addresses, current** home address and/or expected place of domicile, any internet accounts with internet access providers belonging to such offender and internet identifiers that such offender uses. **For the purposes of this paragraph, "internet accounts" shall include, but not be limited to, all social media accounts and online gamer accounts belonging to such offender.**

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 168-f of the correction law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

4. Any sex offender shall register with the division no later than ten calendar days after any change of address, internet accounts with internet access providers belonging to such offender, internet identifiers that such offender uses, **social media accounts, online gamer accounts** or [~~his or her~~] **such offender's** status of enrollment, attendance, employment or residence at any institution of higher education. A fee of ten dollars, as authorized by subdivision eight of section one hundred sixty-eight-b of this article, shall be submitted by the sex offender each time such offender registers any change of address or any change of [~~his or her~~] **such offender's** status of enrollment, attendance, employment or residence at any institution of higher education. Any failure or

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

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omission to submit the required fee shall not affect the acceptance by the division of the change of address or change of status.

§ 3. Section 168-a of the correction law is amended by adding a new subdivision 19 to read as follows:

19. "Online gamer account" means a user name or other name, or identifying data that allows such individual or user to engage, spectate, message, communicate, participate, or play on the internet, console, gaming system, and/or network, in which other individuals can engage in the same game, games, activities, or multiplayer features. An "online gamer account" includes, but is not limited to, a console gaming account, computer gaming account, user tag, user account, user name, network account, X-box gamer tag, PlayStation Network name, Nintendo Network ID, Nintendo Switch Online account/name, online multiplayer user name, online multiplayer playing account, unique user name, or any other profile and/or named account that allows such individual or user to engage, spectate, message, communicate, participate, or play on the internet, console, gaming system, and/or network, in which other individuals can engage in the same game, games, activities, or multiplayer features.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.