
By: Senator Stone

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Sexual Offender - Registration Statements - Request for Copies**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the conditions for obtaining from a local law enforcement
4 agency a copy of the registration statement of a child sexual offender; and generally
5 relating to child sexual offender registration statements.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 792(g)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 792.

15 (g) (1) Registration shall consist of a statement signed by a child sexual
16 offender which shall include:

17 (i) The child sexual offender's name, address, and place of
18 employment;

19 (ii) A description of the crime for which the child sexual offender was
20 convicted, granted probation before judgment, or found not criminally responsible;

21 (iii) The date that the child sexual offender was convicted, granted
22 probation before judgment, or found not criminally responsible;

23 (iv) The jurisdiction in which the child sexual offender was convicted,
24 granted probation before judgment, or found not criminally responsible;

25 (v) A list of any aliases that have been used by the child sexual
26 offender; and

27 (vi) The child sexual offender's Social Security number.

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1 (2) The local law enforcement agency shall obtain a photograph and
2 fingerprints of the child sexual offender and include copies of the photograph and
3 fingerprints in the registration statement.

4 (3) (i) As soon as possible and in no event later than 3 working days after
5 registration is completed, the local law enforcement agency shall send a copy of the
6 registration statement to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

7 (ii) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall
8 maintain a central registry of child sexual offenders.

9 (iii) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall
10 reimburse the local law enforcement agencies for the cost of processing the registration
11 statements of child sexual offenders, including the taking of fingerprints and photographs.

12 (4) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, upon written
13 request to a local law enforcement agency, the agency shall send [a copy of a registration
14 statement] to the person who submitted the request ONE COPY OF EACH
15 REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON RECORD WITH THE AGENCY.

16 (ii) A request [for a copy of a registration statement] under
17 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph [shall contain:

18 1. The name and address of the person submitting the request;
19 and

20 2. The reason for requesting the information];

21 1. MAY ONLY BE MADE BY A PERSON WHOSE ADDRESS IS
22 LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
23 TO WHICH THE REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED; AND

24 2. SHALL CONTAIN THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE
25 PERSON SUBMITTING THE REQUEST.

26 (iii) A local law enforcement agency shall keep records of all written
27 requests received under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

28 (5) An elected public official, public employee, or public agency is immune
29 from civil liability for damages arising out of any action relating to the provisions of this
30 subsection, unless it is shown that the official, employee, or agency acted with gross
31 negligence or in bad faith.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 1997.