

## CHAPTER 657

(House Bill 96)

AN ACT concerning

### Public Safety – Offender Registry – Frequency of Photograph

FOR the purpose of altering the time requirement for an updated photograph to be included in the registration of offenders, child sexual offenders, sexually violent offenders, and sexually violent predators in the Offender Registry; clarifying that certain photographs are to be updated; and generally relating to the registration of offenders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Procedure  
Section 11–707(a), 11–708(b)(1) and (c), and 11–709(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume)

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

### Article – Criminal Procedure

11–707.

(a) (1) (i) A child sexual offender shall register in person every 6 months with a local law enforcement unit for the term provided under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(ii) Registration shall include a photograph that shall be updated [at least once each year] **EVERY 6 MONTHS**.

(2) (i) An offender and a sexually violent offender shall register in person every 6 months with a local law enforcement unit for the term provided under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(ii) Registration shall include a photograph that shall be updated [at least once each year] **EVERY 6 MONTHS**.

(3) (i) A sexually violent predator shall register in person every 3 months for the term provided under paragraph (4)(ii) of this subsection.

(ii) Registration shall include a photograph that shall be updated [at least once each year] **EVERY ~~3~~ 6 MONTHS**.

(4) The term of registration is:

(i) 10 years; or

(ii) life, if:

1. the registrant is a sexually violent predator;

2. the registrant has been convicted of a sexually violent offense;

3. the registrant has been convicted of a violation of § 3-602 of the Criminal Law Article for commission of a sexual act involving penetration of a child under the age of 12 years; or

4. the registrant has been convicted of a prior crime as a child sexual offender, an offender, or a sexually violent offender.

(5) A registrant who is not a resident of the State shall register for the appropriate time specified in this subsection or until the registrant's employment, student enrollment, or transient status in the State ends.

11-708.

(b) (1) The supervising authority shall obtain [a] **AN UPDATED** photograph and fingerprints of the registrant and attach the **UPDATED** photograph and fingerprints to the registration statement.

(c) (1) Within 5 days after obtaining a registration statement, the supervising authority shall send a copy of the registration statement with the attached fingerprints and **UPDATED** photograph of the registrant to the local law enforcement unit in the county where the registrant will reside or where a registrant who is not a resident is a transient or will work or attend school.

(2) (i) If the registrant is enrolled in or carries on employment at, or is expecting to enroll in or carry on employment at, an institution of higher education in the State, within 5 days after obtaining a registration statement, the supervising authority shall send a copy of the registration statement with the attached fingerprints and **UPDATED** photograph of the registrant to the campus police agency of the institution of higher education.

(ii) If an institution of higher education does not have a campus police agency, the copy of the registration statement with the attached fingerprints

and **UPDATED** photograph of the registrant shall be provided to the local law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction for the campus.

11-709.

(a) (1) (i) Every 3 months within 5 days after a sexually violent predator completes the registration requirements of § 11-707(a) of this subtitle, a local law enforcement unit shall send notice of the sexually violent predator's quarterly registration to the Department.

(ii) Every 6 months within 5 days after a child sexual offender completes the registration requirements of § 11-707(a) of this subtitle, a local law enforcement unit shall send notice of the child sexual offender's biannual registration to the Department.

(2) [Each year, a] **EVERY 3 6 MONTHS, A** local law enforcement unit shall send a child sexual offender's and sexually violent predator's updated photograph to the Department within 6 days after the photograph is submitted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.**