

HOUSE BILL 854

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By: **Delegate Bartlett**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sex Offenders – Required Registration – Locations**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying locations at which an individual in certain counties who is
4 required to register as a sex offender may register; and generally relating to
5 registration of sex offenders.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Procedure
8 Section 11–707
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

14 11–707.

15 (a) (1) (i) A tier I sex offender and a tier II sex offender shall register in
16 person every 6 months with a local law enforcement unit for the term provided under
17 paragraph (4) of this subsection.

18 (ii) Registration shall include a digital image that shall be updated
19 every 6 months.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) (i) A tier III sex offender shall register in person every 3 months
2 with a local law enforcement unit for the term provided under paragraph (4) of this
3 subsection.

4 (ii) Registration shall include a digital image that shall be updated
5 every 6 months.

6 (3) (i) A sexually violent predator shall register in person every 3
7 months with a local law enforcement unit for the term provided under paragraph (4) of this
8 subsection.

9 (ii) Registration shall include a digital image that shall be updated
10 every 6 months.

11 (4) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the term of registration is:

12 (i) 15 years, if the registrant is a tier I sex offender;

13 (ii) 25 years, if the registrant is a tier II sex offender;

14 (iii) the life of the registrant, if the registrant is a tier III sex offender;
15 or

16 (iv) up to 5 years, if the registrant is a person described under §
17 11-704(c)(1) of this subtitle, subject to reduction by the juvenile court on the filing of a
18 petition by the registrant for a reduction in the term of registration.

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

22 (b) A term of registration described in this section shall be computed from:

23 (1) the last date of release;

24 (2) the date granted probation;

25 (3) the date granted a suspended sentence; or

26 (4) the date the juvenile court's jurisdiction over the registrant terminates
27 under § 3-8A-07 of the Courts Article if the registrant was a minor who lived in the State
28 at the time the act was committed for which registration is required.

29 (c) The term of registration for a tier I sex offender shall be reduced to 10 years
30 if, in the 10 years following the date on which the registrant was required to register, the
31 registrant:

1 (1) is not convicted of any offense for which a term of imprisonment of more
2 than 1 year may be imposed;

3 (2) is not convicted of any sex offense;

4 (3) successfully completes, without revocation, any period of supervised
5 release, parole, or probation; and

6 (4) successfully completes an appropriate sex offender treatment program.

7 (D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A COUNTY WITH A
8 POPULATION OF MORE THAN 300,000 RESIDENTS.

9 (2) A COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL DESIGNATE AT
10 LEAST TWO LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY WHERE A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER
11 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY REGISTER.

12 (3) A PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THIS SECTION MAY
13 REGISTER AT ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT, BARRACKS, OR STATION OPERATED BY
14 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PERSON IS
15 REQUIRED TO REGISTER ANY LOCATION IN THE COUNTY DESIGNATED UNDER
16 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.