

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1496**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Michlewitz*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending the sex offender registry statute to require immediate registration of sex offenders.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Aaron Michlewitz*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*3rd Suffolk*

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1496**

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1496) of Aaron Michlewitz for legislation to require the immediate registration of sex offenders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1509 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act amending the sex offender registry statute to require immediate registration of sex offenders.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 178C of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after line 18, the following definition:-

3 “Local police department”, the police station located in the City or Town where the sex  
4 offender resides or if a City or Town has more than one police station, the local police

5 department is the police station located in, or closest to, the zip code where the sex  
6 offender resides. If the sex offender does not reside in Massachusetts but works or attends an  
7 institution of higher learning in Massachusetts, the local police department is the police station in  
8 the City or Town where the sex offender works or attends an institution of higher learning; if the  
9 City or Town has more than one police station, the local police department is the police station

10 in, or closest to, the zip code where the sex offender works or attends an institution of higher  
11 learning.

12 SECTION 2. Section 178F ½ of said chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
13 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 8, after the words, “data on file  
14 remains true and accurate” the following words:-

15 The local police department shall immediately register any sex offender appearing in  
16 person to fulfill his/her registration obligations, and shall provide a written receipt  
17 showing proof of registration.