

SENATE No. 1718

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act requiring police notification to certain neighbors of level 2 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 178K of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Investigation.”, in line 124, the
3 following 2 sentences:- The police department in the municipality where a level 2 offender’s
4 primary residence, and secondary residence if any, is located shall provide notice to all
5 immediate abutters of the following information: the name of the offender, his home address,
6 work address, the offense(s) and date(s) for which the offender was convicted or adjudicated, the
7 offender’s age, sex, race, height, weight, eye and hair color and a photograph of the offender, if
8 available. Such notice shall include a warning regarding the criminal penalties for use of sex
9 offender registry information to commit a crime or to engage in illegal discrimination or
10 harassment of an offender and the punishment for threatening to commit a crime under section 4
11 of chapter 275.