

**SENATE . . . . . No. 895**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 relative to sex offender registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Richard J. Ross*

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

*Joseph D. McKenna*

*18th Worcester*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 895) of Richard J. Ross and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation relative to sex offender registration. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1169 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to sex offender registration.

*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 178E of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (q) the following subsection:-

3 Subsection (r). All sex offenders, convicted or adjudicated of a sex offense, subsequent to  
4 the enactment of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender  
5 Registration Act (the Wetterling Act), which has been designated a sexually violent offense or a  
6 sex offense against a child, requiring by operation of law a minimum of Level 1 life time  
7 registration for those convicted as adults and 20 year registration for those adjudicated as  
8 juveniles, to be required within 72 hours to register with the Sex Offender Registry Board as  
9 level 1 sex offenders, pending the exercise of their due process rights that the Sex Offender

- 10 Registration Board is statutorily required to afford them prior to requiring them to register at
- 11 their final registration level, Level 1, 2 or 3.