

SENATE No. 1738

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 oversight of the sex offender registry board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael O. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1738) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to oversight of the sex offender registry board. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1564 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to oversight of the sex offender registry board.

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. Subsection (a) of section 178E of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “data to
3 the”, in line 17, the following words:- “state police and”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 178H of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting the following subsection:-

6 “(c) Whenever the board determines that an offender knowingly and intentionally: (i)
7 fails to register; (ii) fails to verify registration information; (iii) fails to provide notice of a
8 change of address; or (iv) knowingly provides false information; the board shall transmit relevant
9 data to the state police who shall seek an arrest warrant for the offender.”

10 SECTION 3. Section 178K of said chapter 6, as so appearing, by inserting after the words
11 “section 178L”, in line 48, the following sentence:- “These agreements shall include a
12 memorandum of understanding with the state police for the purpose of locating any offender who
13 fails to complete registration requirements or any offender the board cannot classify due to an
14 inability to meet notification standards.”