

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

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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 relative to the sex offender registry.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sal N. DiDomenico*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the sex offender registry.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 178E the following section:-

3 Section 178E1/2.

4 (a) If a sex offender identifies their employer as a municipal police or fire department, the  
5 board shall promptly transmit a copy of the sex offender’s registration data to such employer.

6 (1) If said sex offender is a municipal police officer, the board shall also transmit a copy  
7 of said data to the Massachusetts peace officer standards and training commission. The  
8 commission shall consider whether such data constitutes grounds for decertification.

9 (b) A municipal police or fire department shall conduct a sex offender registry  
10 information check on their employees not less than once every two years.

11 (c) A municipal police or fire department that is informed that an employee of their  
12 department is a sex offender shall promptly:

- 13 (1) Confirm that the information received is correctly associated with an employee;
- 14 (2) review the entirety of the information received;
- 15 (3) provide the employee and any victims with an individual and separate opportunity to  
16 be heard; and
- 17 (4) issue written findings, considering the information received and the testimony of the  
18 employee and any victims, if any; and
- 19 (5) make a determination whether the employee shall face any disciplinary action,  
20 provided:
- 21 (i) for a sex offender classified as a level 3 sex offender, the municipal police or fire  
22 department shall terminate the employment of said employee.
- 23 (ii) for a sex offender classified as a level 1 or 2 sex offender, the municipal police or fire  
24 department may impose any disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- 25 (d) The municipal police or fire department shall keep all records related to the review  
26 and determination under subsection (c) for at least 15 years.