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H.P. 76

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

**An Act to Require that Notification be Distributed Prior to the Release of
a Convicted Child Molester.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BIRNEY of Paris,
GREENLAW of Standish, JONES of Pittsfield, LEMONT of Kittery, LOOK of Jonesboro,
TAYLOR of Cumberland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §11003, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 193, §2, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Duty to register.** A At least 15 days before discharge or discharge under supervision from a state correctional facility or county jail, a sex offender shall register that person's current intended address after discharge with the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification ~~within 15 calendar days after discharge or discharge under supervision from a state correctional facility or county jail~~ or, if no period of institutional confinement is to be served, within 15 calendar days of sentencing.

16 This registration requirement remains in effect for 15 years from the date of:

18 A. Sentencing if no period of institutional confinement is to be served; or

22 B. Discharge or discharge under supervision from any state correctional facility or county jail.

24 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §11003, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 809, §1, is amended to read:

28 **3. Change of address.** If a sex offender required to register under this chapter changes address, that person shall register the new address with the State Bureau of Identification ~~within 5 days of~~ at least 15 days before moving to the new address.

34 **Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §11003, sub-§§3-A and 3-B** are enacted to read:

36 **3-A. When address unknown.** If a sex offender required to register under this section does not have an intended address in time to comply with the notification requirements in subsections 1 and 3, the sex offender shall, at the time of registration, provide the State Bureau of Identification with the intended municipality of residence and shall provide an address as soon as it becomes known.

44 **3-B. Local notification.** The State Bureau of Identification shall notify the law enforcement agency of a municipality when a sex offender registers an address in that municipality. The law enforcement agency for the municipality shall provide notification of the registration to persons residing in the neighborhood where the sex offender will reside.

2 Notification may be by mail, distribution of written notice,
3 posting of a notice in places where it is likely to be seen or
4 other similar notice. The notification must include a picture of
5 the sex offender. The law enforcement agency may require the sex
6 offender to pay for the reasonable costs of notification.

8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10 This bill requires notification to persons residing in a
11 neighborhood where a discharged sex offender, whose victim was
12 less than 16 years of age, intends to reside. Notification must
include a picture of the sex offender.