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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies To Maintain Public Sex Offender Registry Websites

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CURLEY of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: DUNN of Bangor, HANLEY of Gardiner.

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

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Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §11221, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 423, §13, is amended to read:

11. Maintenance by bureau. Only the bureau may is required to maintain a sex offender registry on the Internet for purposes of public access as described in subsection 9. Law A law enforcement agencies agency may maintain their its own sex offender registries registry for internal use only by these agencies that agency or for use by the public as described in subsection 9, paragraph A and may provide a link to the bureau's Internet sex offender registry.

SUMMARY

Current law requires the State Bureau of Identification to maintain a sex offender registry; other law enforcement agencies are permitted to maintain a sex offender registry, but only for internal use by those agencies.

This bill maintains the requirement that the bureau maintain a sex offender registry on the Internet but also allows other law enforcement agencies to maintain a sex offender registry that is accessible by the public.