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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to registration of and information about sex offenders and  
2 amending Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(c) and 32(b)."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that  
5 (1) sex offenders pose a high risk of reoffending after release from custody;  
6 (2) protecting the public from sex offenders is a primary governmental interest;  
7 (3) the privacy interests of persons convicted of sex offenses are less important  
8 than the government's interest in public safety; and  
9 (4) release of certain information about sex offenders to public agencies and  
10 the general public will assist in protecting the public safety.

11 \* Sec. 2. AS 11.56 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to read:  
12 Sec. 11.56.840. FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER. A person  
13 who knowingly fails to (1) register, (2) file the written notice of change of address, or  
14 (3) file the annual written notice or statement, as required in AS 12.63.010, is guilty

1 of a class A misdemeanor.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 12.55 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 Sec. 12.55.148. JUDGMENT FOR SEX OFFENSES. (a) When a defendant  
4 is convicted of a sex offense by a court of this state, the written judgment must set out  
5 the requirements of AS 12.63.010.

6 (b) In this section, "sex offense" has the meaning given in AS 12.63.100.

7 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 12 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

8 **CHAPTER 63. REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDERS.**

9 Sec. 12.63.010. REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDERS AND RELATED  
10 REQUIREMENTS. (a) A sex offender who is physically present in the state shall  
11 register as provided in this section. The sex offender shall register within

12 (1) seven days of release from a state correctional facility;

13 (2) seven days of conviction for a sex offense if the sex offender is not  
14 sentenced to a term of incarceration; or

15 (3) 14 days of becoming physically present in the state, unless the sex  
16 offender is a probationer or parolee being supervised by the state as the receiving state  
17 under AS 33.36.110 - 33.36.120, in which case the sex offender shall register within  
18 seven days of becoming physically present in the state.

19 (b) A sex offender required to register under (a) of this section shall register  
20 in person at the Alaska state trooper post or municipal police department located  
21 nearest to where the sex offender resides at the time of registration. To fulfill the  
22 registration requirement, the sex offender shall

23 (1) complete a registration form that includes, at a minimum, the sex  
24 offender's name, address, place of employment, date of birth, each conviction for a sex  
25 offense for which the duty to register has not terminated under AS 12.63.020, date of  
26 sex offense convictions, place and court of sex offense convictions, all aliases used,  
27 and driver's license number;

28 (2) allow the Alaska state troopers or municipal police to take a  
29 complete set of the sex offender's fingerprints and to take the sex offender's  
30 photograph.

31 (c) If a sex offender changes residence within the state after having registered

1 under (a) of this section, the sex offender shall provide written notice of the change  
2 to the Alaska state trooper post or municipal police department located nearest to the  
3 new residence within 10 days of the change.

4 (d) A sex offender required to register under (a) of this section shall annually,  
5 during the term of a duty to register under AS 12.63.020, on a date set by the  
6 department at the time of the sex offender's initial registration, provide written notice  
7 to the department of any changes to the information initially provided under (b)(1) of  
8 this section, or if there are no changes, a statement to that effect.

9 **Sec. 12.63.020. DURATION OF SEX OFFENDER DUTY TO REGISTER.**

10 (a) The duty of a sex offender to comply with the requirements of AS 12.63.010 for  
11 each sex offense

12 (1) continues for the lifetime of a sex offender convicted of two or  
13 more sex offenses;

14 (2) ends 15 years following the sex offender's unconditional discharge  
15 from a conviction for a single sex offense.

16 (b) The department shall adopt, by regulation, procedures to notify a sex  
17 offender who, on the registration form under AS 12.63.010, lists a conviction for a sex  
18 offense that is a violation of a former law of this state or a law of another jurisdiction,  
19 of the duration of the offender's duty under (a) of this section for that sex offense.

20 **Sec. 12.63.100. DEFINITIONS.** In this chapter,

21 (1) "department" means the Department of Public Safety;

22 (2) "sex offender" means a person convicted of a sex offense in this  
23 state or another jurisdiction regardless of whether the conviction occurred before, after,  
24 or on the effective date of this section;

25 (3) "sex offense" means a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime,  
26 under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.438, 11.41.450, 11.41.455, AS 11.61.125, AS 11.66.110,  
27 former AS 11.15.120 or 11.15.134, or former AS 11.40.110 or 11.40.200, or a similar  
28 law in another jurisdiction;

29 (4) "unconditional discharge" has the meaning given in AS 12.55.185.

30 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 18.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

31 **Sec. 18.65.087. CENTRAL REGISTRY OF SEX OFFENDERS.** (a) The

1 Department of Public Safety shall maintain a central registry of sex offenders required  
2 to register under AS 12.63.010 and shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the  
3 purposes of this section and AS 12.63. A post of the Alaska state troopers or a  
4 municipal police department that receives information under AS 12.63.010 shall  
5 forward the information within five working days of receipt to the central registry of  
6 sex offenders.

7 (b) Information about a sex offender that is contained in the central registry,  
8 including sets of fingerprints, is confidential and not subject to public disclosure except  
9 as to the sex offender's name, address, photograph, place of employment, date of birth,  
10 crime for which convicted, date of conviction, place and court of conviction, and  
11 length of sentence.

12 (c) The Department of Public Safety

13 (1) shall adopt regulations to

14 (A) allow a sex offender to review sex offender registration  
15 information that refers to that sex offender, and if the sex offender believes the  
16 information is inaccurate or incomplete, to request the department to correct the  
17 information; if the department finds the information is inaccurate or incomplete,  
18 the department shall correct or supplement the information;

19 (B) ensure the appropriate circulation to law enforcement  
20 agencies of information contained in the central registry;

21 (2) shall provide to municipal police departments the forms and  
22 directions necessary to allow sex offenders to comply with AS 12.63.010;

23 (3) may adopt regulations to establish fees to be charged for registration  
24 under AS 12.63.010 and for information requests; the fee for registration shall be based  
25 upon the actual costs of performing the registration and maintaining the central registry  
26 but may not be set at a level whereby registration is discouraged; the fee for an  
27 information request may not be greater than \$10;

28 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

29 Sec. 28.05.048. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION. The department shall  
30 display notice of the registration requirements of AS 12.63.010 at a place where the  
31 public may apply for a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration.

1 \* Sec. 7. AS 33.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 Sec. 33.30.012. NOTICE OF RELEASE, PAROLE, COMMUNITY  
3 PLACEMENT, WORK RELEASE PLACEMENT, FURLOUGH, OR ESCAPE OF  
4 SEX OFFENDER. (a) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than 10  
5 days before release, the commissioner shall send written notice of release, parole,  
6 community placement, work release placement, or furlough of a specific inmate  
7 convicted of a sex offense to:

8 (1) the chief of police of the community, if any, in which the inmate  
9 will reside; and

10 (2) the Alaska state trooper post located nearest to where the inmate  
11 will reside.

12 (b) If an inmate convicted of a sex offense escapes from a correctional facility,  
13 the commissioner shall immediately notify the chief of police of the community and  
14 Alaska state trooper post located closest to where the inmate resided immediately  
15 before the inmate's arrest and conviction.

16 \* Sec. 8. AS 33.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 33.30.035. NOTICE TO SEX OFFENDERS OF REGISTRATION  
18 REQUIREMENT. The department shall provide written notice to a sex offender of  
19 the registration requirements of AS 12.63.010, and shall obtain a signed  
20 acknowledgement of receipt of notice from the sex offender

21 (1) at the time of the sex offender's release from a state correctional  
22 facility;

23 (2) immediately after taking supervision of a sex offender under the  
24 Interstate Corrections Compact or AS 33.36.110.

25 \* Sec. 9. AS 33.30.901 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

26 (14) "sex offender" has the meaning given in AS 12.63.100.

27 \* Sec. 10. Alaska Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) PLEAS OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE. The court shall not  
29 accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a defendant without first addressing  
30 the defendant personally and

31 (1) determining that the defendant [HE] understands the nature of the

1 charge; and

2 (2) informing the defendant [HIM] that by the [HIS] plea of guilty or  
3 nolo contendere the defendant [HE] waives the [HIS] right to trial by jury or trial by  
4 a judge and the right to be confronted with the witnesses against the defendant  
5 [HIM]; [AND]

6 (3) informing the defendant [HIM]:

7 (i) of the mandatory minimum punishment, if any, and  
8 the maximum possible punishment provided by the statute defining the  
9 offense to which the plea is offered, and

10 (ii) that the defendant has the right to plead not guilty  
11 or to persist in that plea if it has already been made, or to plead guilty;  
12 and

13 (4) if the defendant is charged with a sex offense as defined in  
14 AS 12.63.100, informing the defendant in writing of the requirements of  
15 AS 12.63.010.

16 \* Sec. 11. The provisions of AS 12.55.148, added by sec. 3 of this Act, have the effect of  
17 changing Alaska Rule of Criminal Procedure 32(b) by adding a requirement that a judgment  
18 containing notification of the requirements of AS 12.63.010 be provided to a defendant  
19 convicted of a sex offense.

20 \* Sec. 12. APPLICABILITY. (a) A sex offender with only one conviction for a sex  
21 offense who has been unconditionally discharged from that sex offense before January 1,  
22 1984, is not required to register under AS 12.63.010, added by sec. 4 of this Act. A sex  
23 offender who has been unconditionally discharged from a sex offense on or after January 1,  
24 1984, but before the effective date of this Act, shall register under AS 12.63.010, added by  
25 sec. 4 of this Act, by January 1, 1994. A sex offender with two or more convictions for a  
26 sex offense before the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the sex offender was  
27 unconditionally released from the sex offense before, on, or after January 1, 1984, shall  
28 register under AS 12.63.010, added by sec. 4 of this Act, by January 1, 1994.

29 (b) A conviction for a sex offense before the effective date of this Act is a sex offense  
30 for purpose of the duration of registration requirement of AS 12.63.020(a), added by sec. 4  
31 of this Act.

1 (c) In this section, "sex offender" and "sex offense" have the meanings given by  
2 AS 12.63.100, added by sec. 4 of this Act.  
3 \* Sec. 13. AS 12.55.148, added by sec. 3 of this Act, takes effect only if sec. 11 of this  
4 Act receives the two-thirds majority vote of each house required by art. IV, sec. 15,  
5 Constitution of the State of Alaska.