

Assembly Bill No. 213

CHAPTER 80

An act to amend Section 290 of the Penal Code, relating to sex offenders.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 213, Wildman. Sex offenders: registration.

Existing law generally requires specified sex offenders to register with local law enforcement officials within 5 working days of coming into a city, county, or city and county in which the offender temporarily resides or is domiciled for that length of time. Those who are required to register include persons who have been convicted in any other court, including any federal or military court, of any offense that, if committed in this state, would have been punishable as a sex offense in this state.

This bill would clarify that the registration requirement applies to persons who have been convicted of an offense in another state court that, if committed in this state, would have been punishable as a sex offense in this state. The bill also would require the registration to include a notice to these persons that they have a duty to register in any state where they may relocate.

This bill would require the Attorney General to work with local law enforcement agencies to determine whether the existing state registry of sex offenders is meeting the needs of law enforcement, to work with the chief law enforcement officers of other states to develop a national registry of sex offenders, and to work with Attorney Generals of other states to enact amendments to existing registration statutes that inform persons required to register as sex offenders of their responsibility to register in any state where they may relocate.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 290 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

290. (a) (1) Every person described in paragraph (2), for the rest of his or her life while residing in California, shall be required to register with the chief of police of the city in which he or she is domiciled, or the sheriff of the county if he or she is domiciled in an unincorporated area, and, additionally, with the chief of police of a campus of the University of California or the California State University if he or she is domiciled upon the campus or in any of its



facilities, within five working days of coming into any city, county, or city and county in which he or she temporarily resides or is domiciled for that length of time. The person shall be required annually thereafter, within five working days of his or her birthday, to update his or her registration with the entities described in this paragraph, including, verifying his or her name and address on a form as may be required by the Department of Justice.

(2) The following persons shall be required to register pursuant to paragraph (1):

(A) Any person who, since July 1, 1944, has been or is hereafter convicted in any court in this state or in any federal or military court of a violation of subdivision (b) of Section 207, kidnapping, as punishable pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 208, Section 220, except assault to commit mayhem, Section 243.4, paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), or (6) of subdivision (a) of Section 261 or paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 262 involving the use of force or violence for which the person is sentenced to the state prison, Section 264.1, 266, 266c, 266j, 267, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.5, or 289, subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of Section 311.2, Section 311.3, 311.4, 311.10, 311.11, or 647.6, former Section 647a, subdivision (d) of Section 647, subdivision 1 or 2 of Section 314, any offense involving lewd and lascivious conduct under Section 272, or any felony violation of Section 288.2; or any person who since that date has been or is hereafter convicted of the attempt to commit any of the above-mentioned offenses.

(B) Any person who, since July 1, 1944, has been or hereafter is released, discharged, or paroled from a penal institution where he or she was confined because of the commission or attempted commission of one of the offenses described in subparagraph (A).

(C) Any person who, since July 1, 1944, has been or hereafter is determined to be a mentally disordered sex offender under Article 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(D) Any person who, since July 1, 1944, has been, or is hereafter convicted in any other court, including any state, federal, or military court, of any offense which, if committed or attempted in this state, would have been punishable as one or more of the offenses described in subparagraph (A) or any person ordered by any other court, including any state, federal, or military court, to register as a sex offender for any offense, if the court found at the time of conviction that the person committed the offense as a result of sexual compulsion or for purposes of sexual gratification.

(E) Any person ordered by any court to register pursuant to this section for any offense not included specifically in this section if the court finds at the time of conviction that the person committed the offense as a result of sexual compulsion or for purposes of sexual gratification. The court shall state on the record the reasons for its findings and the reasons for requiring registration.



(b) Any person who, after August 1, 1950, is released, discharged, or paroled from a jail, state or federal prison, school, road camp, or other institution where he or she was confined because of the commission or attempted commission of one of the offenses specified in subdivision (a) or is released from a state hospital to which he or she was committed as a mentally disordered sex offender under Article 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, shall, prior to discharge, parole, or release, be informed of his or her duty to register under this section by the official in charge of the place of confinement or hospital, and the official shall require the person to read and sign any form that may be required by the Department of Justice, stating that the duty of the person to register under this section has been explained to the person. The official in charge of the place of confinement or hospital shall obtain the address where the person expects to reside upon his or her discharge, parole, or release and shall report the address to the Department of Justice. The official in charge of the place of confinement or hospital shall give one copy of the form to the person and shall send one copy to the Department of Justice and one copy to the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies having jurisdiction over the place the person expects to reside upon discharge, parole, or release. If the conviction which makes the person subject to this section is a felony conviction, the official in charge shall, not later than 45 days prior to the scheduled release of the person, send one copy to the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies having local jurisdiction where the person expects to reside upon discharge, parole, or release; one copy to the prosecuting agency that prosecuted the person; and one copy to the Department of Justice. The official in charge of the place of confinement shall retain one copy.

(c) Any person who, after August 1, 1950, is convicted in this state of the commission or attempted commission of any of the offenses specified in subdivision (a) and who is released on probation or discharged upon payment of a fine shall, prior to release or discharge, be informed of the duty to register under this section by the court in which the person has been convicted, and the court shall require the person to read and sign any form that may be required by the Department of Justice, stating that the duty of the person to register under this section has been explained to him or her. The court shall obtain the address where the person expects to reside upon release or discharge and shall report within three days the address to the Department of Justice. The court shall give one copy of the form to the person, send one copy to the Department of Justice, and forward one copy to the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies having local jurisdiction where the person expects to reside upon his or her discharge, parole, or release.



(d) (1) Any person who, on or after January 1, 1986, is discharged or paroled from the Department of the Youth Authority to the custody of which he or she was committed after having been adjudicated a ward of the court pursuant to Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code because of the commission or attempted commission of any offense described in paragraph (3) shall be subject to registration under the procedures of this section.

(2) Any person who, on or after January 1, 1995, is discharged or paroled from a facility in another state that is equivalent to the Department of the Youth Authority, to the custody of which he or she was committed because of an offense which, if committed or attempted in this state, would have been punishable as one or more of the offenses described in paragraphs (3) and (4), shall be subject to registration under the procedures of this section.

(3) The following offenses shall apply for the purpose of this subdivision:

(A) Assault with intent to commit rape, sodomy, oral copulation, or any violation of Section 264.1, 288, or 289 under Section 220.

(B) Any offense defined in Section 288 or 288.5, paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of, or subdivision (c) or (d) of, Section 286, paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of, or subdivision (c) or (d) of, Section 288a, paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 261, subdivision (a) of Section 289, subdivision (b) of Section 207, or kidnapping, as punishable pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 208.

(C) Any offense under Section 264.1 involving rape in concert with force or fear of bodily injury or penetration by any foreign object in concert with force or fear of bodily injury.

(4) Any person who is discharged or paroled from the Department of the Youth Authority to the custody of which he or she was committed after having been adjudicated a ward of the court pursuant to Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code because of the commission or attempted commission of the offense set forth in Section 647.6, occurring on or after January 1, 1988, shall be subject to registration under the procedures of this section.

(5) Prior to discharge or parole from the Department of the Youth Authority, any person who is subject to registration shall be informed of the duty to register under the procedures set forth in this section. Department of the Youth Authority officials shall transmit the required forms and information to the Department of Justice.

(6) All records specifically relating to the registration in the custody of the Department of Justice, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies or public officials shall be destroyed when the person who is required to register has his or her records sealed under the procedures set forth in Section 781 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. This subdivision shall not be construed as requiring the destruction of other criminal offender or juvenile records relating to the case that are maintained by the Department of Justice, law



enforcement agencies, the juvenile court, or other agencies and public officials unless ordered by a court under Section 781 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(e) (1) The registration shall consist of all of the following:

(A) A statement in writing signed by the person, giving information as may be required by the Department of Justice.

(B) The fingerprints and photograph of the person.

(C) The license plate number of any vehicle owned by or registered in the name of the person.

(D) Notice to the person that, in addition to the requirements of subdivision (f), he or she may have a duty to register in any other state where he or she may relocate.

(2) Within three days thereafter, the registering law enforcement agency or agencies shall forward the statement, fingerprints, photograph, and vehicle license plate number, if any, to the Department of Justice.

(f) If any person who is required to register pursuant to this section changes his or her name or residence address, the person shall inform, in writing within five working days, the law enforcement agency or agencies with whom he or she last registered of the new name or address. The law enforcement agency or agencies shall, within three days after receipt of this information, forward it to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice shall forward appropriate registration data to the law enforcement agency or agencies having local jurisdiction of the new place of residence.

(g) (1) Any person who is required to register under this section based on a misdemeanor conviction who willfully violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any person who has been convicted of assault with intent to commit rape, oral copulation, or sodomy under Section 220, any violation of Section 264.1 or 289 under Section 220, any violation of Section 261, any offense defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 262 involving the use of force or violence for which the person is sentenced to state prison, any violation of Section 264.1, 286, 288, 288a, 288.5, or 289, subdivision (b) of Section 207, or kidnapping, as punishable pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 208, and who is required to register under this section who willfully violates this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months, or two or three years.

(3) Any person required to register under this section based on a felony conviction who willfully violates this section or who has a prior conviction for the offense of failing to register under this section and who subsequently and willfully commits that offense is, upon each subsequent conviction, guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months, or two or three years.



A person punished pursuant to this paragraph or paragraph (2) shall be sentenced to serve a term of not less than 90 days nor more than one year in a county jail. In no event does the court have the power to absolve a person who willfully violates this section from the obligation of spending at least 90 days of confinement in a county jail and of completing probation of at least one year.

If the person has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the state prison, the penalty described in this paragraph shall apply whether or not the person has been released on parole or has been discharged from parole.

(4) If, after discharge from parole, the person is convicted of a felony as specified in this subdivision, he or she shall be required to complete parole of at least one year, in addition to any other punishment imposed under this subdivision. A person convicted of a felony as specified in this subdivision may be granted probation only in the unusual case where the interests of justice would best be served. When probation is granted under this paragraph, the court shall specify on the record and shall enter into the minutes the circumstances indicating that the interests of justice would best be served by the disposition.

(h) Whenever any person is released on parole or probation and is required to register under this section but fails to do so within the time prescribed, the parole authority, the Youthful Offender Parole Board, or the court, as the case may be, shall order the parole or probation of the person revoked. For purposes of this subdivision, "parole authority" has the same meaning as described in Section 3000.

(i) Except as provided in subdivisions (m) and (n) and Section 290.4, the statements, photographs, and fingerprints required by this section shall not be open to inspection by the public or by any person other than a regularly employed peace officer or other law enforcement officer.

(j) In any case in which a person who would be required to register pursuant to this section for a felony conviction is to be temporarily sent outside the institution where he or she is confined on any assignment within a city or county including firefighting, disaster control, or of whatever nature the assignment may be, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the place or places where the assignment shall occur shall be notified within a reasonable time prior to removal from the institution. This subdivision shall not apply to any person who is temporarily released under guard from the institution where he or she is confined.

(k) As used in this section, "mentally disordered sex offender" includes any person who has been determined to be a sexual psychopath or a mentally disordered sex offender under any provision which, on or before January 1, 1976, was contained in



Division 6 (commencing with Section 6000) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(l) (1) Every person who, prior to January 1, 1985, is required to register under this section, shall be notified whenever he or she next reregisters of the reduction of the registration period from 30 to 14 days. This notice shall be provided in writing by the registering agency or agencies. Failure to receive this notification shall be a defense against the penalties prescribed by subdivision (g) if the person did register within 30 days.

(2) Every person who, prior to January 1, 1997, is required to register under this section, shall be notified whenever he or she next reregisters of the reduction of the registration period from 14 to five working days. This notice shall be provided in writing by the registering agency or agencies. Failure to receive this notification shall be a defense against the penalties prescribed by subdivision (g) if the person did register within 14 days.

(m) (1) When a peace officer reasonably suspects, based on information that has come to his or her attention through information provided by any peace officer or member of the public, that a child or other person may be at risk from a sex offender convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 290.4, a law enforcement agency may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, provide any of the information specified in paragraph (2) of this subdivision about that registered sex offender that the agency deems relevant and necessary to protect the public, to the following persons, agencies, or organizations the offender is likely to encounter, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Public and private educational institutions, day care establishments, and establishments and organizations that primarily serve individuals likely to be victimized by the offender.

(B) Other community members at risk.

(2) The information that may be disclosed pursuant to this section includes the following:

(A) The offender's full name.

(B) The offender's known aliases.

(C) The offender's gender.

(D) The offender's race.

(E) The offender's physical description.

(F) The offender's photograph.

(G) The offender's date of birth.

(H) Crimes resulting in registration under this section.

(I) The offender's address, which must be verified prior to publication.

(J) Description and license plate number of offender's vehicles or vehicles the offender is known to drive.

(K) Type of victim targeted by the offender.



(L) Relevant parole or probation conditions, such as one prohibiting contact with children.

(M) Dates of crimes resulting in classification under this section.

(N) Date of release from confinement.

However, information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall not include information that would identify the victim.

(3) If a law enforcement agency discloses information pursuant to this subdivision, it shall include, with the disclosure, a statement that the purpose of the release of the information is to allow members of the public to protect themselves and their children from sex offenders.

(4) For purposes of this section, “likely to encounter” means both of the following:

(A) That the agencies, organizations, or other community members are in a location or in close proximity to a location where the offender lives or is employed, or that the offender visits or is likely to visit on a regular basis.

(B) The types of interaction that ordinarily occur at that location and other circumstances indicate that contact with the offender is reasonably probable.

(5) For purposes of this section, “reasonably suspects” means that it is objectively reasonable for a peace officer to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his or her training and experience, to suspect that a child or other person is at risk.

(6) For purposes of this section, “at risk” means a person is or may be exposed to a risk of becoming a victim of a sex offense committed by the offender.

(7) A law enforcement agency may continue to disclose information on an offender under this subdivision for as long as the offender is included in Section 290.4.

(n) In addition to the procedures set forth elsewhere in this section, a law enforcement agency may advise the public of the presence of high-risk sex offenders in its community pursuant to this subdivision.

(1) For purposes of this subdivision:

(A) A high-risk sex offender is a person who has been convicted of an offense for which registration is required under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) and also meets one of the following criteria:

(i) Has been convicted of three or more violent sex offenses, at least two of which were brought and tried separately.

(ii) Has been convicted of two violent sex offenses and one or more violent nonsex offenses, at least two of which were brought and tried separately.

(iii) Has been convicted of one violent sex offense and two or more violent nonsex offenses, at least two of which were brought and tried separately.



(iv) Has been convicted of either two violent sex offenses or one violent sex offense and one violent nonsex offense, at least two of which were brought and tried separately, and has been arrested on separate occasions for three or more violent sex offenses, violent nonsex offenses, or associated offenses.

(B) A violent sex offense means any offense defined in Section 220, except attempt to commit mayhem, 261, 264.1, 286, 288, 288a, 288.5, 289, or 647.6, or infliction of great bodily injury during the commission of a sex offense, as provided in Section 12022.8.

(C) A violent nonsex offense means any offense defined in Section 187, subdivision (a) of Section 192, 203, 206, 207, 236, provided that the offense is a felony, subdivision (a) of Section 273a, 273d, or 451, or attempted murder, as defined in Sections 187 and 664.

(D) An associated offense means any offense defined in Section 243.4, provided that the offense is a felony, Section 311.1, 311.2, 311.3, 311.4, 311.5, 311.6, 311.7, 314, 459, provided the offense is of the first degree, 597, 646.9, subdivision (d), (h), or (i) of Section 647, 653m, or infliction of great bodily injury during the commission of a felony, as defined in Section 12022.7.

(E) For purposes of subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, an arrest or conviction for the statutory predecessor of any of the enumerated offenses, or an arrest or conviction in any other jurisdiction for any offense which, if committed or attempted in this state, would have been punishable as one or more of the offenses described in those subparagraphs, is to be considered in determining whether an offender is a high-risk sex offender.

(F) For purposes of subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, an arrest as a juvenile or an adjudication as a ward of the juvenile court within the meaning of Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for any of the offenses described in those subparagraphs is to be considered in determining whether an offender is a high-risk sex offender.

(G) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, an offender shall not be considered to be a high-risk sex offender if either of the following apply:

(i) The offender's most recent conviction or arrest for an offense described in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, occurred more than five years prior to the high-risk assessment by the Department of Justice, excluding periods of confinement.

(ii) The offender notifies the Department of Justice, on a form approved by the department and available at any sheriff's office, that he or she has not been convicted in the preceding 15 years, excluding periods of confinement, of an offense for which registration is required under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), and the department is able, upon exercise of reasonable diligence, to verify the information provided in paragraph (2).



(H) “Confinement” means confinement in a jail, prison, school, road camp, or other penal institution, confinement in a state hospital to which the offender was committed as a mentally disordered sex offender under Article 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or confinement in a facility designated by the Director of Mental Health to which the offender was committed as a sexually violent predator under Article 4 (commencing with Section 6600) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(I) “Law enforcement agency” means any of the following: municipal police department; sheriff’s department; district attorney’s office; county probation department; Department of Justice; Department of Corrections; Department of the Youth Authority; Department of the California Highway Patrol; or the police department of any state university, state college, or community college.

(2) The Department of Justice shall continually search the records provided to it pursuant to subdivision (b) and identify, on the basis of those records, high-risk sex offenders. Four times each year, the department shall provide to each chief of police and sheriff in the state, and to any other law enforcement agency upon request, the following information regarding each identified high-risk sexual offender: full name; known aliases; gender; race; physical description; photograph; date of birth; and crimes resulting in classification under this section.

(3) The Department of Justice and any law enforcement agency to which notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (2) may cause to be made public, by whatever means the agency deems necessary to ensure the public safety, based upon information available to the agency concerning a specific person, including, but not limited to, the information described in paragraph (2); the offender’s address, which shall be verified prior to publication; description and license plate number of the vehicles or vehicles the offender is known to drive; type of victim targeted by the offender; relevant parole or probation conditions, such as one prohibiting contact with children; dates of crimes resulting in classification under this section; and date of release from confinement; but excluding information that would identify the victim.

(o) Agencies disseminating information to the public pursuant to subdivision (m) shall maintain records of the offender and the means and dates of dissemination for a minimum of five years.

(p) Law enforcement agencies, employees of law enforcement agencies, and state officials shall be immune from liability for good faith conduct under this section.

(q) Any person who uses information disclosed pursuant to this section to commit a felony shall be punished, in addition and consecutive to any other punishment, by a five-year term of



imprisonment in the state prison. Any person who uses information disclosed pursuant to this section to commit a misdemeanor shall be subject to, in addition to any other penalty or fine imposed, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(r) The registration and public notification provisions of this section are applicable to every person described in these sections, without regard to when his or her crimes were committed or his or her duty to register pursuant to this section arose, and to every offense described in these sections, regardless of when it was committed.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General shall do all of the following:

(a) Work with local law enforcement agencies to determine whether the existing registry of sex offenders established by Section 290 of the Penal Code is meeting the needs of law enforcement. The Attorney General shall report to the Legislature by December 31, 1998, on his or her findings.

(b) Work with the chief law enforcement officers of other states to develop a national registry of sex offenders, as required by federal law. The registry should include persons who are required to register in any state and should specifically mark those offenders who are registered in multiple states.

(c) Work with Attorney Generals of other states to amend registration statutes to inform persons required to register as sex offenders of their responsibility to register in any other state where they may relocate.

SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that the amendments made to subparagraphs (D) and (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 290 of the Penal Code, as set forth in Section 1 of this act, do not constitute a change in, but are declaratory of, existing law.

