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C.G.S.A. § 54-250

§ 54-250. Definitions

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For the purposes of sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive:

(1) “Conviction” means a judgment entered by a court upon a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or a finding of guilty by a jury or the court notwithstanding any pending appeal or habeas corpus proceeding arising from such judgment.

(2) “Criminal offense against a victim who is a minor” means (A) a violation of subdivision (2) of section 53-21 of the general statutes in effect prior to October 1, 2000, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53-21, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-70, subdivision (1), (4), (8) or (10) or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 53a-71, subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 53a-72a, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-86, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-87, section 53a-90a, 53a-196a, 53a-196b, 53a-196c, 53a-196d, 53a-196e or 53a-196f, (B) a violation of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 53a-71 or section 53a-92, 53a-92a, 53a-94, 53a-94a, 53a-95, 53a-96 or 53a-186, provided the court makes a finding that, at the time of the offense, the victim was under eighteen years of age, (C) a violation of any of the offenses specified in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision for which a person is criminally liable under section 53a-8, 53a-48 or 53a-49, or (D) a violation of any predecessor statute to any offense specified in subparagraph (A), (B) or (C) of this subdivision the essential elements of which are substantially the same as said offense.

(3) “Identifying factors” means fingerprints, a photographic image, and a description of any other identifying characteristics as may be required by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The commissioner shall also require a sample of the registrant's blood or other biological sample be taken for DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis, unless such sample has been previously obtained in accordance with section 54-102g.

(4) “Mental abnormality” means a congenital or acquired condition of a person that affects the emotional or volitional capacity of the person in a manner that predisposes that person to the commission of criminal sexual acts to a degree that makes the person a menace to the health and safety of other persons.

(5) “Nonviolent sexual offense” means (A) a violation of section 53a-73a or subdivision (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53a-189a, or (B) a violation of any of the offenses specified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for which a person is criminally liable under section 53a-8, 53a-48 or 53a-49.

(6) “Not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect” means a finding by a court or jury of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13 notwithstanding any pending appeal or habeas corpus proceeding arising from such finding.

(7) “Personality disorder” means a condition as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association.

(8) “Registrant” means a person required to register under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254.

(9) “Registry” means a central record system in this state, any other state or the federal government that receives, maintains and disseminates information on persons convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of criminal offenses against victims who are minors, nonviolent sexual offenses, sexually violent offenses and felonies found by the sentencing court to have been committed for a sexual purpose.

(10) “Release into the community” means, with respect to a conviction or a finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense, a sexually violent offense or a felony found by the sentencing court to have been committed for a sexual purpose, (A) any release by a court after such conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, a sentence of probation or any other sentence under section 53a-28 that does not result in the offender's immediate placement in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction; (B) release from a correctional facility at the discretion of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, by the Department of Correction to a program authorized by section 18-100c or upon completion of the maximum term or terms of the offender's sentence or sentences, or to the supervision of the Court Support Services Division in accordance with the terms of the offender's sentence; or (C) temporary leave to an approved residence by the Psychiatric Security Review Board pursuant to section 17a-587, conditional release from a hospital for mental illness or a facility for persons with intellectual disability by the Psychiatric Security Review Board pursuant to section 17a-588, or release upon termination of commitment to the Psychiatric Security Review Board.

(11) “Sexually violent offense” means (A) a violation of section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or section 53a-70, except subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of said section, 53a-70a, 53a-71, except subdivision (1), (4), (8) or (10) or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of said section or subparagraph (A) of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of said section if the court makes a finding that, at the time of the offense, the victim was under eighteen years of age, 53a-72a, except subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of said section, or 53a-72b, or of section 53a-92 or 53a-92a, provided the court makes a finding that the offense was committed with intent to sexually violate or abuse the victim, (B) a violation of any of the offenses specified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for which a person is criminally liable under section 53a-8, 53a-48 or 53a-49, or (C) a violation of any predecessor statute to any of the offenses specified in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision the essential elements of which are substantially the same as said offense.

(12) “Sexual purpose” means that a purpose of the defendant in committing the felony was to engage in sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without that person's consent. A sexual purpose need not be the sole purpose of the commission of the felony. The sexual purpose may arise at any time in the course of the commission of the felony.

(13) “Employed” or “carries on a vocation” means employment that is full-time or part-time for more than fourteen days, or for a total period of time of more than thirty days during any calendar year, whether financially compensated, volunteered or for the purpose of government or educational benefit.

(14) “Student” means a person who is enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis, in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution or institution of higher learning.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 1; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 1, eff. July 1, 1999; 2001, P.A. 01-84, § 22, eff. July 1, 2001; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 78, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2002, P.A. 02-89, § 85; 2002, P.A. 02-132, § 51; 2004, P.A. 04-234, § 2, eff. July 1, 2004; 2004, P.A. 04-139, § 10; 2004, P.A. 04-188, § 4; 2006, P.A. 06-196, § 292, eff. June 7, 2006; 2006, P.A. 06-187, §§ 31-33; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2011, P.A. 11-129, § 20; 2013, P.A. 13-73, § 1, eff. July 1, 2013; 2015, P.A. 15-213, § 3; 2019, P.A. 19-16, § 18, eff. Oct. 1, 2019; 2019, P.A. 19-189, § 40, eff. Oct. 1, 2019.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-251

§ 54-251. Registration of person who has committed a criminal
offense against a victim who is a minor or a nonviolent sexual offense

Effective: October 1, 2015

Currentness

(a) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or a nonviolent sexual offense, and is released into the community on or after October 1, 1998, shall, within three days following such release or, if such person is in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, at such time prior to release as the commissioner shall direct, and whether or not such person's place of residence is in this state, register such person's name, identifying factors, criminal history record, residence address and electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, if any, with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, on such forms and in such locations as the commissioner shall direct, and shall maintain such registration for ten years from the date of such person's release into the community, except that any person who has one or more prior convictions of any such offense or who is convicted of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-70 shall maintain such registration for life. Prior to accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a person with respect to a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or a nonviolent sexual offense, the court shall (1) inform the person that the entry of a finding of guilty after acceptance of the plea will subject the person to the registration requirements of this section, and (2) determine that the person fully understands the consequences of the plea. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's name, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new name. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's address, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new address and, if the new address is in another state, such person shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. If any person who is subject to registration under this section establishes or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of such identifier. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed at, carries on a vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional institution or institution of higher learning in this state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such status and of any change in such status. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed in another state, carries on a vocation in another state or is a student in another state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. During such period of registration, each registrant shall complete and return forms mailed to such registrant to verify such registrant's residence address and shall submit to the retaking of a photographic image upon request of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the court may exempt any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-71 from the registration requirements of this section if the court finds that such person was under nineteen years of age at the time of the offense and that registration is not required for public safety.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the court may exempt any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-73a or subdivision (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of section 53a-189a, from the registration requirements of this section if the court finds that registration is not required for public safety.

(d) Any person who files an application with the court to be exempted from the registration requirements of this section pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-227, notify the Office of Victim Services and the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction of the filing of such application. The Office of Victim Services or the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction, or both, shall, pursuant to section 54-230 or 54-230a, notify any victim who has requested notification of the filing of such application. Prior to granting or denying such application, the court shall consider any information or statement provided by the victim.

(e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person violates the provisions of this section by failing to notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay of a change of name, address or status or another reportable event, such person shall be subject to such penalty if such failure continues for five business days.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 2; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 2, eff. July 1, 1999; 2001, P.A. 01-211, § 1; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 79, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2005, P.A. 05-146, § 5; 2006, P.A. 06-196, § 292, eff. June 7, 2006; 2006, P.A. 06-187, §§ 34-36; 2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, § 90; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2015, P.A. 15-211, § 5; 2015, P.A. 15-213, § 4.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-252

§ 54-252. Registration of person who has committed a sexually violent offense

Effective: October 1, 2015

Currentness

(a) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a sexually violent offense, and (1) is released into the community on or after October 1, 1988, and prior to October 1, 1998, and resides in this state, shall, on October 1, 1998, or within three days of residing in this state, whichever is later, or (2) is released into the community on or after October 1, 1998, shall, within three days following such release or, if such person is in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, at such time prior to release as the commissioner shall direct, register such person's name, identifying factors and criminal history record, documentation of any treatment received by such person for mental abnormality or personality disorder, and such person's residence address and electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, if any, with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection on such forms and in such locations as said commissioner shall direct, and shall maintain such registration for life. Prior to accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a person with respect to a sexually violent offense, the court shall (A) inform the person that the entry of a finding of guilty after acceptance of the plea will subject the person to the registration requirements of this section, and (B) determine that the person fully understands the consequences of the plea. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's name, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new name. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's address, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new address and, if the new address is in another state, such person shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. If any person who is subject to registration under this section establishes or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of such identifier. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed at, carries on a vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional institution or institution of higher learning in this state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such status and of any change in such status. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed in another state, carries on a vocation in another state or is a student in another state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. During such period of registration, each registrant shall complete and return forms mailed to such registrant to verify such registrant's residence address and shall submit to the retaking of a photographic image upon request of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

(b) Any person who has been subject to the registration requirements of section 54-102r of the general statutes, revised to January 1, 1997, as amended by section 1 of public act 97-183, shall, not later than three working days after October 1, 1998, register under this section and thereafter comply with the provisions of sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, except that any person who was convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of an offense that is classified as a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor under subdivision (2) of section 54-250 and that is subject to a ten-year period of registration under section 54-251 shall maintain such registration for ten years from the date of such person's release into the community.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, during the initial registration period following October 1, 1998, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may phase in completion of the registration procedure for persons released into the community prior to said date over the first three months following said date, and no such person shall be prosecuted for failure to register under this section during those three months provided such person complies with the directives of said commissioner regarding registration procedures.

(d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person violates the provisions of this section by failing to notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay of a change of name, address or status or another reportable event, such person shall be subject to such penalty if such failure continues for five business days.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 3; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 3, eff. July 1, 1999; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 80, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2002, P.A. 02-89, § 86; 2006, P.A. 06-196, § 292, eff. June 7, 2006; 2006, P.A. 06-187, § 37; 2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, § 91; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2015, P.A. 15-211, § 6.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-253

§ 54-253. Registration of person who has committed a sexual offense in another jurisdiction

Effective: July 1, 2011

Currentness

(a) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect in any other state, in a federal or military court or in any foreign jurisdiction of any crime (1) the essential elements of which are substantially the same as any of the crimes specified in subdivisions (2), (5) and (11) of section 54-250, or (2) which requires registration as a sexual offender in such other state or in the federal or military system, and who resides in this state on and after October 1, 1998, shall, without undue delay upon residing in this state, register with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the same manner as if such person had been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of such crime in this state, except that the commissioner shall maintain such registration until such person is released from the registration requirement in such other state, federal or military system or foreign jurisdiction.

(b) If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's name, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new name. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's address, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new address and, if the new address is in another state, such person shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. If any person who is subject to registration under this section establishes or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of such identifier. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed at, carries on a vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional institution or institution of higher learning in this state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such status and of any change in such status. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed in another state, carries on a vocation in another state or is a student in another state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. During such period of registration, each registrant shall complete and return forms mailed to such registrant to verify such registrant's residence address and shall submit to the retaking of a photographic image upon request of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

(c) Any person not a resident of this state who is registered as a sexual offender under the laws of any other state and who is employed in this state, carries on a vocation in this state or is a student in this state, shall, without undue delay after the commencement of such employment, vocation or education in this state, register such person's name, identifying factors and criminal history record, locations visited on a recurring basis, and such person's residence address, if any, in this state, residence address in such person's home state and electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, if any, with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection on such forms and in such locations as said commissioner shall direct and shall maintain such registration until such employment, vocation or education terminates or until such person is released from registration as a sexual offender in such other state. If such person terminates such person's

employment, vocation or education in this state, changes such person's address in this state or establishes or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of such termination, new address or identifier.

(d) Any person not a resident of this state who is registered as a sexual offender under the laws of any other state and who travels in this state on a recurring basis for periods of less than five days shall notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such person's temporary residence in this state and of a telephone number at which such person may be contacted.

(e) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person violates the provisions of this section by failing to register with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay or notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay of a change of name, address or status or another reportable event, such person shall be subject to such penalty if such failure continues for five business days.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 4; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 4, eff. July 1, 1999; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 81, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2006, P.A. 06-196, § 292, eff. June 7, 2006; 2006, P.A. 06-187, § 38; 2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, §§ 92, 93; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-254

§ 54-254. Registration of person who has committed a felony for a sexual purpose

Effective: October 1, 2015

Currentness

(a) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect in this state on or after October 1, 1998, of any felony that the court finds was committed for a sexual purpose, may be required by the court upon release into the community or, if such person is in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, at such time prior to release as the commissioner shall direct to register such person's name, identifying factors, criminal history record, residence address and electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, if any, with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, on such forms and in such locations as the commissioner shall direct, and to maintain such registration for ten years from the date of such person's release into the community. If the court finds that a person has committed a felony for a sexual purpose and intends to require such person to register under this section, prior to accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from such person with respect to such felony, the court shall (1) inform the person that the entry of a finding of guilty after acceptance of the plea will subject the person to the registration requirements of this section, and (2) determine that the person fully understands the consequences of the plea. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's name, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new name. If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes such person's address, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new address and, if the new address is in another state, such person shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. If any person who is subject to registration under this section establishes or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of such identifier. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed at, carries on a vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional institution or institution of higher learning in this state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such status and of any change in such status. If any person who is subject to registration under this section is employed in another state, carries on a vocation in another state or is a student in another state, such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. During such period of registration, each registrant shall complete and return forms mailed to such registrant to verify such registrant's residence address and shall submit to the retaking of a photographic image upon request of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person violates the provisions of this section by failing to notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay of a change of name, address or status or another reportable event, such person shall be subject to such penalty if such failure continues for five business days.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 5; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 5, eff. July 1, 1999; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 82, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2006, P.A. 06-196, § 292, eff. June 7, 2006; 2006, P.A. 06-187, § 39; 2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, § 94; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2015, P.A. 15-211, § 7.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-255

§ 54-255. Restriction on dissemination of registration information for certain offenders

Effective: October 1, 2019

Currentness

(a) Upon the conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of any person for a violation of section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, the court may order the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to restrict the dissemination of the registration information to law enforcement purposes only and to not make such information available for public access, provided the court finds that dissemination of the registration information is not required for public safety and that publication of the registration information would be likely to reveal the identity of the victim within the community where the victim resides. The court shall remove the restriction on the dissemination of such registration information if, at any time, the court finds that public safety requires that such person's registration information be made available to the public or that a change of circumstances makes publication of such registration information no longer likely to reveal the identity of the victim within the community where the victim resides. Prior to ordering or removing the restriction on the dissemination of such person's registration information, the court shall consider any information or statements provided by the victim.

(b) Upon the conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of any person of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, where the victim of such offense was, at the time of the offense, under eighteen years of age and related to such person within any of the degrees of kindred specified in section 46b-21, the court may order the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to restrict the dissemination of the registration information to law enforcement purposes only and to not make such information available for public access, provided the court finds that dissemination of the registration information is not required for public safety and that publication of the registration information would be likely to reveal the identity of the victim within the community where the victim resides. The court shall remove the restriction on the dissemination of such registration information if, at any time, it finds that public safety requires that such person's registration information be made available to the public or that a change in circumstances makes publication of the registration information no longer likely to reveal the identity of the victim within the community where the victim resides.

(c) Any person who: (1) Has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-71 between October 1, 1988, and June 30, 1999, and was under nineteen years of age at the time of the offense; (2) has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-73a between October 1, 1988, and June 30, 1999; (3) has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, between October 1, 1988, and June 30, 1999, where the victim of such offense was, at the time of the offense, under eighteen years of age and related to such person within any of the degrees of kindred specified in section 46b-21; (4) has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a violation of section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, between October 1, 1988, and June 30, 1999; or (5) has been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of any crime between October 1, 1988, and September 30, 1998, which requires registration under sections 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, and (A) served no jail or prison time as a result of such

conviction or finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, (B) has not been subsequently convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of any crime which would require registration under sections 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, and (C) has registered with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in accordance with sections 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive; may petition the court to order the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to restrict the dissemination of the registration information to law enforcement purposes only and to not make such information available for public access. Any person who files such a petition shall, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-227, notify the Office of Victim Services and the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction of the filing of such petition. The Office of Victim Services or the Victim Services Unit within the Department of Correction, or both, shall, pursuant to section 54-230 or 54-230a, notify any victim who has requested notification pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-228 of the filing of such petition. Prior to granting or denying such petition, the court shall consider any information or statements provided by the victim. The court may order the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to restrict the dissemination of the registration information to law enforcement purposes only and to not make such information available for public access, provided the court finds that dissemination of the registration information is not required for public safety.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 6; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 6, eff. July 1, 1999; 2001, P.A. 01-211, § 2; 2002, P.A. 02-89, § 87; 2005, P.A. 05-146, § 6; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2019, P.A. 19-189, § 41, eff. Oct. 1, 2019.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-256

§ 54-256. Responsibilities of courts and agencies in registration process

Effective: July 1, 2011

Currentness

(a) Any court, the Commissioner of Correction or the Psychiatric Security Review Board, prior to releasing into the community any person convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor, a nonviolent sexual offense, a sexually violent offense or a felony found by the sentencing court to have been committed for a sexual purpose, except a person being released unconditionally at the conclusion of such person's sentence or commitment, shall require as a condition of such release that such person complete the registration procedure established by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection under sections 54-251, 54-252 and 54-254. The court, the Commissioner of Correction or the Psychiatric Security Review Board, as the case may be, shall provide the person with a written summary of the person's obligations under sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, and transmit the completed registration package to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection who shall enter the information into the registry established under section 54-257. If a court transmits the completed registration package to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection with respect to a person released by the court, such package need not include identifying factors for such person. In the case of a person being released unconditionally who declines to complete the registration package through the court or the releasing agency, the court or agency shall: (1) Except with respect to information that is not available to the public pursuant to court order, rule of court or any provision of the general statutes, provide to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection the person's name, date of release into the community, anticipated residence address, if known, and criminal history record, any known treatment history of such person, any electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier for such person, if known, and any other relevant information; (2) inform the person that such person has an obligation to register within three days with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a period of ten years following the date of such person's release or for life, as the case may be, that if such person changes such person's address such person shall within five days register the new address in writing with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and, if the new address is in another state or if such person is employed in another state, carries on a vocation in another state or is a student in another state, such person shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state, provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders, and that if such person establishes or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier such person shall, within five days, register such identifier with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection; (3) provide the person with a written summary of the person's obligations under sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, as explained to the person under subdivision (2) of this subsection; and (4) make a specific notation on the record maintained by that agency with respect to such person that the registration requirements were explained to such person and that such person was provided with a written summary of such person's obligations under sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive.

(b) Whenever a person is convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of an offense that will require such person to register under section 54-251, 54-252 or 54-254, the court shall provide to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection a written summary of the offense that includes the age and sex of any victim of the offense and a specific description of the offense. Such summary shall be added to the registry information made available to the public through the Internet.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 7; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 7, eff. July 1, 1999; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 83, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2002, P.A. 02-89, § 88; 2006, P.A. 06-187, § 28, eff. July 1, 2007; 2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, § 95; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-257

§ 54-257. Registry. Suspension of registration. Verification of address. Retake of photographic image. Change of name

Effective: October 1, 2023

Currentness

(a) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, not later than January 1, 1999, establish and maintain a registry of all persons required to register under sections 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 and 54-254. The department shall, in cooperation with the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, the Department of Correction and the Psychiatric Security Review Board, develop appropriate forms for use by agencies and individuals to report registration information, including changes of residence address. Upon receipt of registration information, the department shall enter the information into the registry and notify the local police department or state police troop having jurisdiction where the registrant resides or plans to reside. If a registrant notifies the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection that such registrant is employed at, carries on a vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional institution or institution of higher learning in this state, the department shall notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over such institution. If a registrant reports a residence in another state, the department shall notify the state police agency of that state or such other agency in that state that maintains registry information, if known. The department shall also transmit all registration information, conviction data, photographic images and fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in such form as said bureau shall require for inclusion in a national registry.

(b) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection may suspend the registration of any person registered under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254 while such person is incarcerated, under civil commitment or residing outside this state. During the period that such registration is under suspension, the department is not required to verify the residence address of the registrant pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and may withdraw the registration information from public access. Upon the release of the registrant from incarceration or civil commitment or resumption of residency in this state by the registrant, the department shall reinstate the registration, redistribute the registration information in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and resume verifying the residence address of the registrant in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. Suspension of registration shall not affect the date of expiration of the registration obligation of the registrant under section 54-251, 54-252 or 54-253.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall verify the residence address of each registrant by mailing a nonforwardable verification form to the registrant at the registrant's last reported residence address. Such form shall require the registrant to sign a statement that the registrant continues to reside at the registrant's last reported residence address and return the form by mail, facsimile or electronic mail by a date which is ten days after the date such form was mailed to the registrant. The form shall contain a statement that failure to return the form or providing false information is a violation of section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, as the case may be. In the case of a registrant who resides at a residence address for which there is no residential mail delivery, the local police department or the state police troop having jurisdiction where the registrant resides shall verify in person such registrant's residence address. Each person required to register under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254 shall have such person's residence address verified in such manner every ninety days after such person's initial registration date. In the event that a registrant fails to return the residence address verification form, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall notify the local police department or the state police troop having jurisdiction over the registrant's last reported residence address, and that agency

shall apply for a warrant to be issued for the registrant's arrest under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, as the case may be. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not verify the address of registrants whose last reported residence address was outside this state.

(d) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall include in the registry the most recent photographic image of each registrant taken by the department, the Department of Correction, a law enforcement agency or the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department and shall retake the photographic image of each registrant at least once every five years.

(e) Whenever the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection receives notice from a superior court pursuant to section 52-11 or a probate court pursuant to section 45a-99 that such court has ordered the change of name of a person, and the department determines that such person is listed in the registry, the department shall revise such person's registration information accordingly.

(f) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall develop a protocol for the notification of other state agencies, the Judicial Department and local police departments whenever a person listed in the registry changes such person's name and notifies the commissioner of the new name pursuant to section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254 or whenever the commissioner determines pursuant to subsection (e) of this section that a person listed in the registry has changed such person's name.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 8; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 8, eff. July 1, 1999; 2002, May 9 Sp.Sess., P.A. 02-7, § 84, eff. Aug. 15, 2002; 2003, P.A. 03-202, § 19; 2006, P.A. 06-196, § 292, eff. June 7, 2006; 2006, P.A. 06-187, § 40; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2023, P.A. 23-193, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2023.)

C. G. S. A. § 54-257, CT ST § 54-257

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C.G.S.A. § 54-258

§ 54-258. Availability of registration information. Immunity

Effective: October 1, 2023

Currentness

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, except subdivisions (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection, the registry maintained by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall be a public record and shall be accessible to the public during normal business hours. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall make registry information available to the public through the Internet. Not less than once per calendar quarter, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall issue notices to all print and electronic media in the state regarding the availability and means of accessing the registry. Each local police department and each state police troop shall keep a record of all registration information transmitted to it by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and shall make such information accessible to the public during normal business hours.

(2) (A) Any state agency, the Judicial Department, any state police troop or any local police department may, at its discretion, notify any government agency, private organization or individual of registration information when such agency, said department, such troop or such local police department, as the case may be, believes such notification is necessary to protect the public or any individual in any jurisdiction from any person who is subject to registration under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254.

(B) (i) Whenever a registrant is released into the community, or whenever a registrant changes such registrant's residence address and notifies the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such change pursuant to section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, by electronic mail, notify the superintendent of schools for the school district in which the registrant resides, or plans to reside, of such release or new residence address, and provide such superintendent with the same registry information for such registrant that the department makes available to the public through the Internet under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(ii) Whenever a registrant is released into the community, or whenever a registrant changes such registrant's residence address and notifies the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection of such change pursuant to section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, by electronic mail, notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the registrant resides, or plans to reside, of such release or new residence address, and provide such chief executive officer with the same registry information for such registrant that the department makes available to the public through the Internet under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, state agencies, the Judicial Department, state police troops and local police departments shall not disclose the identity of any victim of a crime committed by a registrant or treatment information provided to the registry pursuant to sections 54-102g and 54-250 to 54-258a, inclusive, except to government agencies for bona fide law enforcement or security purposes.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, registration information the dissemination of which has been restricted by court order pursuant to section 54-255 and which is not otherwise subject to disclosure, shall not be a public record and shall be released only for law enforcement purposes until such restriction is removed by the court pursuant to said section.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, a registrant's electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier shall not be a public record, except that the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection may release such identifier for law enforcement or security purposes in accordance with regulations adopted by the department. The department shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54¹ to specify the circumstances under which and the persons to whom such identifiers may be released including, but not limited to, providers of electronic communication service or remote computing service, as those terms are defined in section 54-260b, and operators of Internet web sites, and the procedure therefor.

(6) When any registrant completes the registrant's term of registration or is otherwise released from the obligation to register under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall notify any state police troop or local police department having jurisdiction over the registrant's last reported residence address that the person is no longer a registrant, and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, state police troop and local police department shall remove the registrant's name and information from the registry.

(b) Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state nor any officer or employee thereof, shall be held civilly liable to any registrant by reason of disclosure of any information regarding the registrant that is released or disclosed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. The state and any political subdivision of the state and, except in cases of wanton, reckless or malicious conduct, any officer or employee thereof, shall be immune from liability for good faith conduct in carrying out the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-111, § 9; 1999, P.A. 99-183, § 9, eff. July 1, 1999; 2002, P.A. 02-89, § 89; 2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, § 96; 2009, P.A. 09-199, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2009; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011; 2014, P.A. 14-192, § 6, eff. July 1, 2014; 2014, P.A. 14-213, § 1, eff. July 1, 2014; 2015, P.A. 15-14, § 18; 2023, P.A. 23-193, § 2, eff. Oct. 1, 2023.)

Footnotes

¹ C.G.S.A. § 4-166 et seq.

C. G. S. A. § 54-258, CT ST § 54-258

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C.G.S.A. § 54-258a

§ 54-258a. Warning against wrongful use of registry information

Currentness

Any agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof that provides public access to information contained in the registry shall post a warning that states: “Any person who uses information in this registry to injure, harass or commit a criminal act against any person included in the registry or any other person is subject to criminal prosecution.” Such warning shall be in a suitable size and location to ensure that it will be seen by any person accessing registry information.

Credits

(1999, P.A. 99-183, § 10, eff. July 1, 1999.)

C. G. S. A. § 54-258a, CT ST § 54-258a

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C.G.S.A. § 54-259

§ 54-259. Repealed. (2002, P.A. 02-89, § 90.)

Currentness

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C.G.S.A. § 54-259a

§ 54-259a. Repealed. (2013, P.A. 13-299, § 95, eff. July 1, 2013.)

Effective: July 1, 2013

Currentness

C. G. S. A. § 54-259a, CT ST § 54-259a

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C.G.S.A. § 54-260

§ 54-260. Notification of change of name or address of sexual offenders on parole or probation

Effective: October 1, 2019

Currentness

(a) For the purposes of this section, “sexual offender” means any person convicted of a violation of section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or subdivision (2) of section 53-21 of the general statutes in effect prior to October 1, 2000, or subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53-21, or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a or 53a-72b committed on or after October 1, 1995.

(b) Any sexual offender who is released from a correctional institution on parole or who is sentenced to a period of probation shall, during the period of such parole or probation and as a condition of such parole or probation, immediately notify such person's parole officer or probation officer, as the case may be, whenever such person changes such person's name or residence address. Each parole officer or probation officer who is notified of such change of address shall notify the chief of police of the police department or resident state trooper for the municipality of the new address of the parolee or probationer and any other law enforcement official such parole officer or probation officer deems appropriate.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a parole officer or probation officer acting in the performance of his duties and within the scope of his employment from disclosing any information concerning the parolee or probationer to any person whenever he deems such disclosure to be appropriate.

Credits

(1958 Rev., § 54-102s; 1995, P.A. 95-142, § 6; 2001, P.A. 01-84, § 23, eff. July 1, 2001; 2003, P.A. 03-202, § 20; 2019, P.A. 19-189, § 42, eff. Oct. 1, 2019.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-260a

§ 54-260a. Report on number of registrants being electronically monitored and need for additional resources

Currentness

Not later than January fifteenth of each year, the Department of Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department shall each submit a report setting forth the number of persons subject to registration under this chapter who are being electronically monitored while being supervised in the community by such agency, including monitoring by global positioning system devices, and what, if any, additional resources are needed by such agency to ensure that persons subject to registration under this chapter are being supervised while in the community.

Credits

(2006, P.A. 06-187, § 41, eff. July 1, 2006.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-260b

§ 54-260b. Criminal investigation of registrants using the Internet. Ex parte
court order to compel disclosure of basic subscriber information of registrants

Effective: July 1, 2011

Currentness

(a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Basic subscriber information” means: (A) Name, (B) address, (C) age or date of birth, (D) electronic mail address, instant message address or other similar Internet communication identifier, and (E) subscriber number or identity, including any assigned Internet protocol address;

(2) “Electronic communication” means “electronic communication” as defined in 18 USC 2510, as amended from time to time;

(3) “Electronic communication service” means “electronic communication service” as defined in 18 USC 2510, as amended from time to time;

(4) “Registrant” means a person required to register under section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254; and

(5) “Remote computing service” means “remote computing service” as defined in section 18 USC 2711, as amended from time to time.

(b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall designate a sworn law enforcement officer to serve as liaison between the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and providers of electronic communication services or remote computing services to facilitate the exchange of non-personally-identifiable information concerning registrants.

(c) Whenever such designated law enforcement officer ascertains from such exchange of non-personally-identifiable information that there are subscribers, customers or users of such providers who are registrants, such officer shall initiate a criminal investigation to determine if such registrants are in violation of the registration requirements of section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254 or of the terms and conditions of their parole or probation by virtue of being subscribers, customers or users of such providers.

(d) Such designated law enforcement officer may request an ex parte order from a judge of the Superior Court to compel a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service to disclose basic subscriber information pertaining

to subscribers, customers or users who have been identified by such provider to be registrants. The judge shall grant such order if the law enforcement officer offers specific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the basic subscriber information sought is relevant and material to the ongoing criminal investigation. The order shall state upon its face the case number assigned to such investigation, the date and time of issuance and the name of the judge authorizing the order. The law enforcement officer shall have any ex parte order issued pursuant to this subsection signed by the authorizing judge within forty-eight hours or not later than the next business day, whichever is earlier.

(e) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall disclose basic subscriber information to such designated law enforcement officer when an order is issued pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(f) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service that provides information in good faith pursuant to an order issued pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be afforded the legal protections provided under 18 USC 3124, as amended from time to time, with regard to such actions.

Credits

(2007, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 07-4, § 98; 2010, P.A. 10-36, § 32, eff. July 1, 2010; 2011, P.A. 11-51, § 134(a), eff. July 1, 2011.)

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C.G.S.A. § 54-261

§ 54-261. Community response education program

Effective: July 1, 2021

Currentness

(a) The Court Support Services Division, in conjunction with state-wide experts in law enforcement, the treatment of sexual offenders and sexual assault victim services, shall, within available appropriations, develop a community response education program to be offered to neighborhoods and municipalities that have been notified pursuant to section 54-258 that a person who has registered under said section is or will be residing in that community.

(b) The purpose of such program shall be to assist neighborhoods, senior centers and other facilities serving or housing senior citizens in such neighborhoods, parents and children to learn how to better protect themselves from sexual abuse and sexual assault. The program shall develop educational materials and community information resources on prevention and risk reduction concerning sexual abuse and sexual assault and the enforcement of requirements concerning the registration and supervision of sexual offenders and the notification of communities where such offenders reside.

(c) The program may include the following:

(1) An initial community meeting following a community notification, sponsored by the Court Support Services Division and held in conjunction with the chief of police, chief elected officials, the superintendent of schools and other municipal officials of the community, to discuss the implementation of the statutory requirements concerning the registration of a sexual offender and the notification of the community where such offender resides, to provide information on the crime or crimes involved and to provide information on how the offender will be monitored by the Court Support Services Division and the specific conditions of probation applicable to the offender;

(2) Information on how and where concerned residents may report observed violations by an offender of the conditions of such offender's probation;

(3) Resources to educate families, children and senior citizens in the prevention and avoidance of sexual abuse and sexual assault and for parents seeking supportive methods for discussing relevant issues with their children;

(4) Resources on when and how a community may wish to establish a network of "Safe Houses" for neighborhood children to use when they seek safe shelter or the creation of a neighborhood block watch or crime watch;

(5) Resources for police departments and boards of education to use in consulting with parents on appropriate school-based classroom programs stressing safety, prevention and risk reduction and to use in developing educational programs for parents to discuss relevant issues with their children;

(6) Resources for police departments and municipal officials to provide programs stressing safety, prevention and risk reduction for senior citizens living in the community or receiving services at a senior center or other facility located in the community; and

(7) Compilation and distribution of a list of child protective agencies, child guidance clinics and rape crisis centers for families seeking more in-depth counseling after a community notification has occurred.

(d) The Court Support Services Division may apply for and receive grants from the federal government or any agency thereof or from any foundation, corporation, association or individual for purposes of the development of the community response education program under this section.

Credits

(1998, P.A. 98-135, § 1, eff. May 27, 1998; 1998, June Sp.Sess., P.A. 98-1, § 111; 2002, P.A. 02-132, § 52; 2021, P.A. 21-7, § 5, eff. July 1, 2021.)

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