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HOUSE BILL NO. 964

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-902 and 18.2-472.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sex offender registry; penalties.*

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 9.1-902 and 18.2-472.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 9.1-902. Offenses requiring registration.

A. For purposes of this chapter:

"Offense for which registration is required" includes:

1. Any offense listed in subsection B;
2. Criminal homicide;
3. Murder; and
4. A sexually violent offense.

B. The offenses included under this subsection include any violation of, attempted violation of, or conspiracy to violate:

1. § 18.2-63, § 18.2-64.1, former § 18.2-67.2:1, § 18.2-90 with the intent to commit rape, or subsection B or C of § 18.2-374.1:1; or a third or subsequent conviction of (i) § 18.2-67.4, (ii) § 18.2-67.4:2, (iii) subsection C of § 18.2-67.5 or (iv) § 18.2-386.1;

If the offense was committed on or after July 1, 2006, (i) § 18.2-91 with the intent to commit any felony offense listed in this section; (ii) subsection A of § 18.2-374.1:1; or (iii) a felony under § 18.2-67.5:1.

2. Subsection C of § 18.2-374.3 or where the victim is a minor or is physically helpless or mentally incapacitated as defined in § 18.2-67.10, subsection A of § 18.2-47, clause (i) or (iii) of § 18.2-48, § 18.2-67.4, subsection C of § 18.2-67.5, § 18.2-361, or 18.2-366.

C. "Criminal homicide" means a homicide in conjunction with a violation of, attempted violation of, or conspiracy to violate clause (i) of § 18.2-371 or § 18.2-371.1, when the offenses arise out of the same incident.

D. "Murder" means a violation of, attempted violation of, or conspiracy to violate § 18.2-31 or § 18.2-32 where the victim is (i) under 15 years of age or (ii) where the victim is at least 15 years of age but under 18 years of age and the murder is related to an offense listed in this section.

E. "Sexually violent offense" means a violation of, attempted violation of, or conspiracy to violate:

1. Clause (ii) of § 18.2-48, § 18.2-61, § 18.2-67.1, § 18.2-67.2, § 18.2-67.3, § 18.2-67.4 where the perpetrator is 18 years of age or older and the victim is under the age of six, subsections A and B of § 18.2-67.5, § 18.2-370, or § 18.2-370.1 or § 18.2-374.1; or

2. § 18.2-63, § 18.2-64.1, former § 18.2-67.2:1, § 18.2-90 with the intent to commit rape or, where the victim is a minor or is physically helpless or mentally incapacitated as defined in § 18.2-67.10, subsection A of § 18.2-47, § 18.2-67.4, subsection C of § 18.2-67.5, clause (i) or (iii) of § 18.2-48, § 18.2-361, § 18.2-366 or subsection C of § 18.2-374.1:1. An offense listed under this subdivision shall be deemed a sexually violent offense only if the person has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of any two or more such offenses, provided that person had been at liberty between such convictions or adjudications;

3. If the offense was committed on or after July 1, 2006, § 18.2-91 with the intent to commit any felony offense listed in this section. An offense listed under this subdivision shall be deemed a sexually violent offense only if the person has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of any two or more such offenses, provided that the person had been at liberty between such convictions or adjudications; or

4. Chapter 117 (18 U.S.C. § 2421 et seq.) of Title 18 of the United States Code or sex trafficking (as described in § 1591 of Title 18, U.S.C.).

F. "Offense for which registration is required" includes (i) any similar offense under the *existing or former* laws of any foreign country or any political subdivision thereof, the United States or any political subdivision thereof or (ii) any offense for which registration in a sex offender and crimes against minors registry is required under the laws of the jurisdiction where the offender was convicted.

G. Juveniles adjudicated delinquent shall not be required to register; however, where the offender is a juvenile over the age of 13 at the time of the offense who is tried as a juvenile and is adjudicated

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59 delinquent on or after July 1, 2005, of any offense for which registration is required, the court may, in
60 its discretion and upon motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth, find that the circumstances of the
61 offense require offender registration. In making its determination, the court shall consider all of the
62 following factors that are relevant to the case: (i) the degree to which the delinquent act was committed
63 with the use of force, threat or intimidation, (ii) the age and maturity of the complaining witness, (iii)
64 the age and maturity of the offender, (iv) the difference in the ages of the complaining witness and the
65 offender, (v) the nature of the relationship between the complaining witness and the offender, (vi) the
66 offender's prior criminal history, and (vii) any other aggravating or mitigating factors relevant to the
67 case.

68 § 18.2-472.1. Providing false information or failing to provide registration information; penalty; prima
69 facie evidence.

70 A. Any person subject to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1, ~~other than a person convicted of~~
71 ~~a sexually violent offense or murder as defined in § 9.1-902,~~ who knowingly fails to register or
72 reregister, or who knowingly provides materially false information to the Sex Offender and Crimes
73 Against Minors Registry is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. ~~A second or subsequent conviction for an~~
74 ~~offense under this subsection is a Class 6 felony.~~

75 B. ~~Any~~ For any person convicted of a sexually violent offense or murder, as defined in § 9.1-902;
76 ~~who knowingly fails to register or reregister, or who knowingly provides materially false information to~~
77 ~~the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is guilty of a Class 6 felony. A~~ a second or
78 subsequent conviction for an offense under this ~~subsection~~ section is a Class 5 felony.

79 C. A prosecution pursuant to this section shall be brought in the city or county where the offender
80 can be found or where the offender last registered or reregistered or, if the offender failed to comply
81 with the duty to register, where the offender was last convicted of an offense for which registration or
82 reregistration is required.

83 D. At any trial pursuant to this section, an affidavit from the State Police issued as required in
84 § 9.1-907 shall be admitted into evidence as prima facie evidence of the failure to comply with the duty
85 to register or reregister and a copy of such affidavit shall be provided to the registrant or his counsel
86 seven days prior to hearing or trial by the attorney for the Commonwealth.

87 E. For the purposes of this section any conviction for a substantially similar offense under the laws
88 of (i) any foreign country or any political subdivision thereof, or (ii) any state or territory of the United
89 States or any political subdivision thereof, the District of Columbia, or the United States shall be
90 considered a prior conviction.

91 F. *If a person convicted under this section is on probation or parole for an offense for which*
92 *registration is required as defined in § 9.1-902, or for a conviction under this section, his probation or*
93 *parole shall be revoked.*

94 **2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**
95 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is at**
96 **least \$351,376 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for**
97 **periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**