

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-903 and 9.1-908 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sex offenders; reregistration; name change.

[H 1251]

Approved

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 9.1-903 and 9.1-908 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 9.1-903. Registration procedures.**

A. Every person convicted, including juveniles tried and convicted in the circuit courts pursuant to § 16.1-269.1, whether sentenced as an adult or juvenile, of an offense for which registration is required and every juvenile found delinquent of an offense for which registration is required under subsection G of § 9.1-902 shall be required upon conviction to register and reregister with the Department of State Police. The court shall order the person to provide to the local law-enforcement agency of the county or city where he physically resides all information required by the State Police for inclusion in the Registry. The court shall immediately remand the person to the custody of the local law-enforcement agency for the purpose of obtaining the person's fingerprints and photographs of a type and kind specified by the State Police for inclusion in the Registry. Upon conviction, the local law-enforcement agency shall forthwith forward to the State Police all the necessary registration information.

B. Every person required to register shall register in person within three days of his release from confinement in a state, local or juvenile correctional facility, in a state civil commitment program for sexually violent predators or, if a sentence of confinement is not imposed, within three days of suspension of the sentence or in the case of a juvenile of disposition. A person required to register shall register, and as part of the registration shall submit to be photographed, submit to have a sample of his blood, saliva, or tissue taken for DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis and submission to the DNA databank to determine identification characteristics specific to the person, provide electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information that the person uses or intends to use, submit to have his fingerprints and palm prints taken, provide information regarding his place of employment, and provide motor vehicle, watercraft and aircraft registration information for all motor vehicles, watercraft and aircraft owned by him. The local law-enforcement agency shall obtain from the person who presents himself for registration or reregistration one set of fingerprints, electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information that the person uses or intends to use, one set of palm prints, place of employment information, motor vehicle, watercraft and aircraft registration information for all motor vehicles, watercraft and aircraft owned by the registrant, proof of residency and a photograph of a type and kind specified by the State Police for inclusion in the Registry and advise the person of his duties regarding reregistration. The local law-enforcement agency shall obtain from the person who presents himself for registration a sample of his blood, saliva or tissue taken for DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis to determine identification characteristics specific to the person. If a sample has been previously taken from the person, as indicated by the Local Inmate Data System (LIDS), no additional sample shall be taken. The local law-enforcement agency shall forthwith forward to the State Police all necessary registration information.

C. To establish proof of residence in Virginia, a person who has a permanent physical address shall present one photo-identification form issued by a governmental agency of the Commonwealth which contains the person's complete name, gender, date of birth and complete physical address. The local law-enforcement agency shall forthwith forward to the State Police a copy of the identification presented by the person required to register.

D. Any person required to register shall also reregister in person with the local law-enforcement agency following any change of name or any change of residence, whether within or without the Commonwealth. *The person shall register in person with the local law-enforcement agency within three days following his change of name.* If his new residence is within the Commonwealth, the person shall register in person with the local law-enforcement agency where his new residence is located within three days following his change in residence. If the new residence is located outside of the Commonwealth, the person shall register in person with the local law-enforcement agency where he previously registered within 10 days prior to his change of residence. If a probation or parole officer becomes aware of a change of name or residence for any of his probationers or parolees required to register, the probation or parole officer shall notify the State Police forthwith of learning of the change. Whenever a person

57 subject to registration changes residence to another state, the State Police shall notify the designated  
58 law-enforcement agency of that state.

59 E. Any person required to register shall reregister in person with the local law-enforcement agency  
60 where his residence is located within three days following any change of the place of employment,  
61 whether within or without the Commonwealth. If a probation or parole officer becomes aware of a  
62 change of the place of employment for any of his probationers or parolees required to register, the  
63 probation or parole officer shall notify the State Police forthwith upon learning of the change of the  
64 person's place of employment. Whenever a person subject to registration changes his place of  
65 employment to another state, the State Police shall notify the designated law-enforcement agency of that  
66 state.

67 F. Any person required to register shall reregister in person with the local law-enforcement agency  
68 where his residence is located within three days following any change of owned motor vehicle,  
69 watercraft and aircraft registration information, whether within or without the Commonwealth. If a  
70 probation or parole officer becomes aware of a change of owned motor vehicle, watercraft and aircraft  
71 registration information for any of his probationers or parolees required to register, the probation or  
72 parole officer shall notify the State Police forthwith upon learning of the change of the person's owned  
73 motor vehicle, watercraft and aircraft registration information. Whenever a person required to register  
74 changes his owned motor vehicle, watercraft and aircraft registration information to another state, the  
75 State Police shall notify the designated law-enforcement agency of that state.

76 G. Any person required to register shall reregister either in person or electronically with the local  
77 law-enforcement agency where his residence is located within 30 minutes following any change of the  
78 electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or  
79 identity information that the person uses or intends to use, whether within or without the  
80 Commonwealth. If a probation or parole officer becomes aware of a change of the electronic mail  
81 address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity  
82 information for any of his probationers or parolees required to register, the probation or parole officer  
83 shall notify the State Police forthwith upon learning of the change.

84 H. The registration shall be maintained in the Registry and shall include the person's name, *any*  
85 *former name if he has lawfully changed his name during the period for which he is required to register*,  
86 all aliases that he has used or under which he may have been known, the date and locality of the  
87 conviction for which registration is required, his fingerprints and a photograph of a type and kind  
88 specified by the State Police, his date of birth, social security number, current physical and mailing  
89 address and a description of the offense or offenses for which he was convicted. The registration shall  
90 also include the locality of the conviction and a description of the offense or offenses for previous  
91 convictions for the offenses set forth in § 9.1-902.

92 I. The local law-enforcement agency shall forthwith forward to the State Police all necessary  
93 registration or reregistration information received by it. Upon receipt of registration or reregistration  
94 information the State Police shall forthwith notify the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality listed  
95 as the person's address on the registration and reregistration.

96 J. If a person required to register does not have a legal residence, such person shall designate a  
97 location that can be located with reasonable specificity where he resides or habitually locates himself.  
98 For the purposes of this section, "residence" shall include such a designated location. If the person  
99 wishes to change such designated location, he shall do it pursuant to the terms of this section.

100 **§ 9.1-908. Duration of registration requirement.**

101 Any person required to register or reregister shall be required to register until the duty to register and  
102 reregister is terminated by a court order as set forth in § 9.1-910, except that any person who has been  
103 convicted of (i) any sexually violent offense, (ii) murder or (iii) former § 18.2-67.2:1 shall have a  
104 continuing duty to reregister for life.

105 Any period of confinement in a federal, state or local correctional facility, hospital or any other  
106 institution or facility during the otherwise applicable period shall toll the registration period and the duty  
107 to reregister shall be extended. Persons confined in a federal, state, or local correctional facility shall not  
108 be required to reregister until released from custody. Persons civilly committed pursuant to Chapter 9  
109 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2 shall not be required to reregister until released from custody. *Persons*  
110 *confined in a federal, state, or local correctional facility or civilly committed pursuant to Chapter 9*  
111 *(§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2 shall notify the Registry within three days following any change of*  
112 *name.*

113 **2. That any person required to register who has changed his name prior to July 1, 2014, who has**  
114 **not already reregistered following the change of name shall register in person with the local**  
115 **law-enforcement agency within three days of July 1, 2014.**

116 **3. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or**  
117 **commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot**

118 be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter  
119 806 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to  
120 assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the  
121 necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of commitment to the custody of the  
122 Department of Juvenile Justice.

**ENROLLED**

HB1251ER