

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 9.1-906.1, relating to sex offenders*
3 *in emergency shelters; notification; registration; penalty.*

4 [S 1047]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 9.1-906.1 as follows:**8 **§ 9.1-906.1. *Emergency shelters; notification; registration; penalty.***

9 *A. Any person required to register or reregister who enters any place or facility that is designated by*
10 *the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof as an emergency shelter and operated in*
11 *response to a state or local emergency declared pursuant to Chapter 3.2 (§ 44-146.13 et seq.) of Title*
12 *44 shall, as soon as practicable after entry, notify a member of the emergency shelter's staff who is*
13 *responsible for providing security at the emergency shelter that such person is a registered sex offender.*
14 *Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.*

15 *B. No person shall be denied entry into an emergency shelter solely on the basis of his status as a*
16 *registered sex offender unless such entry is otherwise prohibited by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing,*
17 *emergency shelter staff may deny entry of a person on such registry who has been convicted of a*
18 *sexually violent offense, as defined in § 9.1-902, for a period of time necessary to ensure the safety of*
19 *other individuals admitted to the emergency shelter.*

20 *C. The use of Registry information that is publicly available on the Internet pursuant to § 9.1-913 by*
21 *emergency shelter staff pursuant to this section does not constitute a violation of § 9.1-918.*

22 **2. That the Department of State Police shall provide to any person required to register on the Sex**
23 **Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry at the time of his initial registration a summary of**
24 **the provisions of this act.**

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