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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 509

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ADDRESS VERIFICATION REFORMS FOR REGISTRANTS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (11) of section 54-250 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
5 *1, 2026*):

6 (11) "Sexually violent offense" means (A) a violation of section 53a-  
7 70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019,  
8 or section 53a-70, except subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of said section,  
9 53a-70a, 53a-71, except subdivision (1), (4), (8) or (10) or subparagraph  
10 (B) of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of said section or subparagraph  
11 (A) of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of said section if the court makes

12 a finding that, at the time of the offense, the victim was under eighteen  
13 years of age, 53a-72a, except subdivision [(2)] (3) of subsection (a) of said  
14 section, or 53a-72b, or of section 53a-92 or 53a-92a, provided the court  
15 makes a finding that the offense was committed with intent to sexually  
16 violate or abuse the victim, (B) a violation of any of the offenses specified  
17 in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for which a person is criminally  
18 liable under section 53a-8, 53a-48 or 53a-49, or (C) a violation of any  
19 predecessor statute to any of the offenses specified in subparagraph (A)  
20 or (B) of this subdivision the essential elements of which are  
21 substantially the same as said offense.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 54-251 of the general statutes is  
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
24 *1, 2026*):

25 (e) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
26 section shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person  
27 violates the provisions of this section by failing to notify the  
28 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection without  
29 undue delay of a change of name, address or status or another  
30 reportable event, such person shall only be subject to such penalty if  
31 such failure continues for five business days.

32 (2) In any prosecution of a person for a violation of subsection (a) of  
33 this section, it shall be an affirmative defense that (A) circumstances  
34 beyond the control of the person prevented the person from complying  
35 with the provisions of said subsection (a), (B) the person did not  
36 contribute to the creation of such circumstances, and (C) such person  
37 was in compliance with the provisions of said subsection (a) not later  
38 than twenty business days after such circumstances ceased to exist.

39 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 54-252 of the general statutes is  
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
41 *1, 2026*):

42 (d) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be

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

49 (2) In any prosecution of a person for a violation of this section, it  
50 shall be an affirmative defense that (A) circumstances beyond the  
51 control of the person prevented the person from complying with the  
52 provisions of this section, (B) the person did not contribute to the  
53 creation of such circumstances, and (C) such person was in compliance  
54 with the provisions of this section not later than twenty business days  
55 after such circumstances ceased to exist.

56 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 54-253 of the general statutes is  
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
58 *1, 2026*):

59 (e) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
60 guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person violates the  
61 provisions of this section by failing to register with the Commissioner  
62 of Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay or  
63 notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
64 without undue delay of a change of name, address or status or another  
65 reportable event, such person shall only be subject to such penalty if  
66 such failure continues for five business days.

67 (2) In any prosecution of a person for a violation of this section, it  
68 shall be an affirmative defense that (A) circumstances beyond the  
69 control of the person prevented the person from complying with the  
70 provisions of this section, (B) the person did not contribute to the  
71 creation of such circumstances, and (C) such person was in compliance  
72 with the provisions of this section not later than twenty business days  
73 after such circumstances ceased to exist.

74 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 54-254 of the general statutes is  
75 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
76 *1, 2026*):

77 (b) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
78 guilty of a class D felony, except that, if such person violates the  
79 provisions of this section by failing to notify the Commissioner of  
80 Emergency Services and Public Protection without undue delay of a  
81 change of name, address or status or another reportable event, such  
82 person shall only be subject to such penalty if such failure continues for  
83 five business days.

84 (2) In any prosecution of a person for a violation of this section, it  
85 shall be an affirmative defense that (A) circumstances beyond the  
86 control of the person prevented the person from complying with the  
87 provisions of this section, (B) the person did not contribute to the  
88 creation of such circumstances, and (C) such person was in compliance  
89 with the provisions of this section not later than twenty business days  
90 after such circumstances ceased to exist.

91 Sec. 6. Section 54-257 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
92 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

93 (a) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
94 shall, not later than January 1, 1999, establish and maintain a registry of  
95 all persons required to register under sections 54-251, as amended by  
96 this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as amended by this act,  
97 and 54-254, as amended by this act. The department shall, in cooperation  
98 with the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, the Department of  
99 Correction and the Psychiatric Security Review Board, develop  
100 appropriate forms for use by agencies and individuals to report  
101 registration information, including changes of residence address. Upon  
102 receipt of registration information, the department shall enter the  
103 information into the registry and notify the local police department or  
104 state police troop having jurisdiction where the registrant resides or  
105 plans to reside. If a registrant notifies the Department of Emergency

106 Services and Public Protection that such registrant is employed at,  
107 carries on a vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional  
108 institution or institution of higher learning in this state, the department  
109 shall notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over such  
110 institution. If a registrant reports a residence in another state, the  
111 department shall notify the state police agency of that state or such other  
112 agency in that state that maintains registry information, if known. The  
113 department shall also transmit all registration information, conviction  
114 data, photographic images and fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of  
115 Investigation in such form as said bureau shall require for inclusion in a  
116 national registry.

117 (b) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
118 may suspend the registration of any person registered under section 54-  
119 251, as amended by this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as  
120 amended by this act, or 54-254, as amended by this act, while such  
121 person is incarcerated, under civil commitment or residing outside this  
122 state. During the period that such registration is under suspension, the  
123 department is not required to verify the residence address of the  
124 registrant pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section and may  
125 withdraw the registration information from public access. Upon the  
126 release of the registrant from incarceration or civil commitment or  
127 resumption of residency in this state by the registrant, the department  
128 shall reinstate the registration, redistribute the registration information  
129 in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and resume verifying  
130 the residence address of the registrant in accordance with subsection (c)  
131 or (d) of this section. Suspension of registration shall not affect the date  
132 of expiration of the registration obligation of the registrant under section  
133 54-251, as amended by this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, or 54-253,  
134 as amended by this act.

135 [(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the  
136 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall verify  
137 the residence address of each registrant by mailing]

138 (c) Any person registered under section 54-251, as amended by this

139 act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as amended by this act, or  
140 54-254, as amended by this act, shall provide proof of residency by mail,  
141 facsimile or electronic mail or in person to the Department of Emergency  
142 Services and Public Protection not more than ninety days, but not fewer  
143 than seventy-five days after such person's initial registration date. The  
144 department shall accept any of the following documents as proof of  
145 residency, provided such document contains the registrant's residence  
146 address and is dated not earlier than thirty days prior to submission of  
147 such document to the department: (1) A utility bill, including, but not  
148 limited to, a bill for electricity, gas, water or Internet service; (2) a  
149 financial statement, including, but not limited to, a bank statement or  
150 credit card statement; (3) a homeowner's, renter's or motor vehicle  
151 insurance bill or statement; (4) official correspondence from a state or  
152 federal government agency; or (5) any other document that the  
153 department deems sufficient to prove residency.

154 (d) If the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
155 has not received proof of residency pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
156 section, the department shall mail a nonforwardable address  
157 verification form to the registrant at the registrant's last reported  
158 residence address. Such form shall require the registrant to sign a  
159 statement that the registrant continues to reside at the registrant's last  
160 reported residence address and return the form by mail, facsimile or  
161 electronic mail or in person by a date which is ten days after the date  
162 [such form] of the postmark on the form that was mailed to the  
163 registrant. The form shall contain a (1) statement that failure to return  
164 the form or providing false information is a violation of section 54-251,  
165 as amended by this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as  
166 amended by this act, or 54-254, as amended by this act, as the case may  
167 be, and (2) statement printed in bold text (A) explaining that the form  
168 may be returned to the department by mail, facsimile or electronic mail  
169 or in person, and (B) providing the mailing address, facsimile number,  
170 electronic mail address and the physical address for in-person return of  
171 such form. In the case of a registrant who resides at a residence address  
172 for which there is no residential mail delivery, the local police

173 department or the state police troop having jurisdiction where the  
174 registrant resides shall verify in person such registrant's residence  
175 address. Each person required to register under section 54-251, as  
176 amended by this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as amended  
177 by this act, or 54-254, as amended by this act, shall have such person's  
178 residence address verified in such manner every ninety days after such  
179 person's initial registration date, unless such person provides the  
180 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection proof of  
181 residency in the same manner provided for in subsection (c) of this  
182 section. In the event that a registrant fails to return the residence address  
183 verification form or provide proof of residency to the Department of  
184 Emergency Services and Public Protection in the same manner provided  
185 for in subsection (c) of this section, the Department of Emergency  
186 Services and Public Protection shall notify the local police department  
187 or the state police troop having jurisdiction over the registrant's last  
188 reported residence address, and that agency shall apply for a warrant to  
189 be issued for the registrant's arrest under section 54-251, as amended by  
190 this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as amended by this act,  
191 or 54-254, as amended by this act, as the case may be. The Department  
192 of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not verify the address  
193 of registrants whose last reported residence address was outside this  
194 state.

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

201 [(e)] (f) Whenever the Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
202 Public Protection receives notice from a superior court pursuant to  
203 section 52-11 or a probate court pursuant to section 45a-99 that such  
204 court has ordered the change of name of a person, and the department  
205 determines that such person is listed in the registry, the department

206 shall revise such person's registration information accordingly.

207 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
208 Protection shall develop a protocol for the notification of other state  
209 agencies, the Judicial Department and local police departments  
210 whenever a person listed in the registry changes such person's name  
211 and notifies the commissioner of the new name pursuant to section 54-  
212 251, as amended by this act, 54-252, as amended by this act, 54-253, as  
213 amended by this act, or 54-254, as amended by this act, or whenever the  
214 commissioner determines pursuant to subsection ~~[(e)]~~ (f) of this section  
215 that a person listed in the registry has changed such person's name."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |            |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 54-250(11) |
| Sec. 2  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 54-251(e)  |
| Sec. 3  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 54-252(d)  |
| Sec. 4  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 54-253(e)  |
| Sec. 5  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 54-254(b)  |
| Sec. 6  | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 54-257     |