



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 178**

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the establishment of senior safety zones to protect senior  
3 citizens from sexual offenders who are required to register under  
4 sections 54-251 to 54-254, inclusive, of the general statutes. The task  
5 force shall examine: (1) Best practices nationwide for protecting senior  
6 citizens in their homes, at senior centers and at long-term nursing  
7 facilities from interaction with sexual offenders; (2) legal  
8 considerations related to identifying persons convicted of sexual  
9 offenses and preventing them from entering public facilities where  
10 senior citizens may live or congregate; (3) data regarding the  
11 percentage of sexual offenders whose victims are elderly persons; and  
12 (4) the most effective means to identify sexual offenders and limit their  
13 movements without affecting their constitutional rights.

14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
16 one of whom shall be a manager of a senior center and one of whom  
17 shall be a representative of a long-term care facility that provides  
18 skilled nursing care to residents;

19 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
20 of whom shall be a resident of housing for elderly persons financed  
21 pursuant to section 8-114a of the general statutes and one of whom  
22 shall be a resident of congregate housing for the elderly financed  
23 pursuant to section 8-119h of the general statutes;

24 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, who shall be an attorney with experience in  
26 constitutional law;

27 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
28 a chairperson or vice-chairperson of the joint standing committee of  
29 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging;

30 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
31 Representatives, who shall be a ranking member of the joint standing  
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
33 relating to aging;

34 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
35 a probation officer experienced with sexual offenders;

36 (7) The executive director of the Commission on Aging or the  
37 executive director's designee;

38 (8) The Commissioner on Aging or the commissioner's designee;  
39 and

40 (9) The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or the ombudsman's  
41 designee.

42 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
43 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
44 filled by the appointing authority.

45 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
46 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force

47 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
48 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
49 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

50 (e) The administrative staff of the Commission on Aging shall serve  
51 as administrative staff of the task force.

52 (f) Not later than January 1, 2015, the task force, in accordance with  
53 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall submit a  
54 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
55 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
56 relating to aging and the judiciary. The task force shall terminate on  
57 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2015, whichever is  
58 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*