



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 969

LCO No. 3753



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT PERMITTING VERIFICATION OF THE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER BY FAX OR EMAIL.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 54-257 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the
5 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall verify
6 the address of each registrant by mailing a nonforwardable verification
7 form to the registrant at the registrant's last reported address. Such form
8 shall require the registrant to sign a statement that the registrant
9 continues to reside at the registrant's last reported address and return
10 the form by mail, facsimile or electronic mail by a date which is ten days
11 after the date such form was mailed to the registrant. The form shall
12 contain a statement that failure to return the form or providing false
13 information is a violation of section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, as
14 the case may be. Each person required to register under section 54-251,
15 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254 shall have such person's address verified in such

16 manner every ninety days after such person's initial registration date. In
17 the event that a registrant fails to return the address verification form,
18 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
19 notify the local police department or the state police troop having
20 jurisdiction over the registrant's last reported address, and that agency
21 shall apply for a warrant to be issued for the registrant's arrest under
22 section 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or 54-254, as the case may be. The
23 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not
24 verify the address of registrants whose last reported address was
25 outside this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	54-257(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit a registered sex offender to respond to an address verification request by facsimile or electronic mail.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]