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Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT RELIEVING CERTAIN REGISTRANTS OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY AND CLARIFYING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS TRANSFERRED INTO THIS STATE AND WHO RESIDE IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 54-252 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by
5 reason of mental disease or defect of a sexually violent offense, and [(1)
6 is released into the community on or after October 1, 1988, and prior to
7 October 1, 1998, and resides in this state, shall, on October 1, 1998, or
8 within three days of residing in this state, whichever is later, or (2)] is
9 released into the community on or after October 1, 1998, shall, within
10 three days following such release or, if such person is in the custody of
11 the Commissioner of Correction, at such time prior to release as the
12 commissioner shall direct, register such person's name, identifying
13 factors and criminal history record, documentation of any treatment

14 received by such person for mental abnormality or personality
15 disorder, and such person's residence address and electronic mail
16 address, instant message address or other similar Internet
17 communication identifier, if any, with the Commissioner of Emergency
18 Services and Public Protection on such forms and in such locations as
19 said commissioner shall direct, and shall maintain such registration for
20 life. Prior to accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere from a
21 person with respect to a sexually violent offense, the court shall [(A)]
22 (1) inform the person that the entry of a finding of guilty after
23 acceptance of the plea will subject the person to the registration
24 requirements of this section, and [(B)] (2) determine that the person
25 fully understands the consequences of the plea. If any person who is
26 subject to registration under this section changes such person's name,
27 such person shall, without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of
28 Emergency Services and Public Protection in writing of the new name.
29 If any person who is subject to registration under this section changes
30 such person's address, such person shall, without undue delay, notify
31 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in
32 writing of the new address and, if the new address is in another state,
33 such person shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state,
34 provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders. If
35 any person who is subject to registration under this section establishes
36 or changes an electronic mail address, instant message address or
37 other similar Internet communication identifier, such person shall,
38 without undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services
39 and Public Protection in writing of such identifier. If any person who is
40 subject to registration under this section is employed at, carries on a
41 vocation at or is a student at a trade or professional institution or
42 institution of higher learning in this state, such person shall, without
43 undue delay, notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
44 Public Protection of such status and of any change in such status. If
45 any person who is subject to registration under this section is
46 employed in another state, carries on a vocation in another state or is a
47 student in another state, such person shall, without undue delay,
48 notify the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection

49 and shall also register with an appropriate agency in that state,
 50 provided that state has a registration requirement for such offenders.
 51 During such period of registration, each registrant shall complete and
 52 return forms mailed to such registrant to verify such registrant's
 53 residence address and shall submit to the retaking of a photographic
 54 image upon request of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
 55 Public Protection.

56 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 54-253 of the general statutes is
 57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 58 *October 1, 2023*):

59 (a) Any person who has been convicted or found not guilty by
 60 reason of mental disease or defect in any other state, in a federal or
 61 military court or in any foreign jurisdiction of any crime (1) the
 62 essential elements of which are substantially the same as any of the
 63 crimes specified in subdivisions (2), (5) and (11) of section 54-250, or (2)
 64 which requires registration as a sexual offender in such other state or
 65 in the federal or military system, and who resides in this state on and
 66 after October 1, 1998, shall, without undue delay upon residing in this
 67 state, including in a congregate care setting, register with the
 68 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
 69 same manner as if such person had been convicted or found not guilty
 70 by reason of mental disease or defect of such crime in this state, except
 71 that the commissioner shall maintain such registration until such
 72 person is released from the registration requirement in such other
 73 state, federal or military system or foreign jurisdiction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-252(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	54-253(a)

JUD *Joint Favorable*