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AN ACT

- Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and 2 Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 3 Statutes, further providing for rape and for involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; providing for loss of property 5 rights by certain offenders and for conduct relating to sex 6 offenders; further providing for failure to comply with 7 sexual offender registration requirements; defining "GPS" and "GPS tracking device"; further providing for registration and 8 for registration procedures and applicability; providing for 9 GPS tracking, for restricted travel, for alert system and for 10 11 child protective zones; and further providing for offenses 12 against infant persons, for verification of residence and for 13 information made available on the Internet. 14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 15 hereby enacts as follows: 16 Section 1. Sections 3121(e) and 3123(d) of Title 18 of the 17 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the sections
- 19 § 3121. Rape.
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21 (e) Sentences.--Notwithstanding the provisions of section

are amended by adding subsections to read:

22 1103 (relating to sentence of imprisonment for felony), except

- 1 as set forth in subsection (f), a person convicted of an offense
- 2 under:
- 3 (1) Subsection (c) shall be sentenced to a term of
- 4 imprisonment which shall be fixed by the court at not <u>less</u>
- 5 <u>than 25 years nor</u> more than [40] <u>75</u> years.
- 6 (2) Subsection (d) shall be sentenced [up] to a minimum
- 7 <u>term of 50 years and</u> a maximum term of life imprisonment with
- 8 <u>no possibility of parole</u>.
- 9 <u>(f) Multiple victims.--A consecutive term of imprisonment</u>
- 10 shall be imposed for each victim of an offense under subsection
- 11 <u>(c) or (d).</u>
- 12 § 3123. Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.
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- 14 (d) Sentences.--Notwithstanding the provisions of section
- 15 1103 (relating to sentence of imprisonment for felony), except
- 16 as set forth in subsection (d.1), a person convicted of an
- 17 offense under:
- 18 (1) Subsection (b) shall be sentenced to a term of
- imprisonment which shall be fixed by the court at not <u>less</u>
- than 25 years nor more than [40] 75 years.
- 21 (2) Subsection (c) shall be sentenced [up] to a minimum
- 22 <u>term of 50 years and</u> to a maximum term of life imprisonment
- with no possibility of parole.
- 24 (d.1) Multiple victims. -- A consecutive term of imprisonment
- 25 shall be imposed for each victim of an offense under subsection
- 26 (b) or (c).
- 27 Section 2. Section 4915 of Title 18, amended November 29,
- 28 2006 (P.L.1567, No.178), is amended to read:
- 29 § 4915. Failure to comply with registration of sexual offenders
- requirements.

- 1 (a) Offense defined. -- An individual who is subject to
- 2 registration under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(a) (relating to
- 3 registration) or an individual who is subject to registration
- 4 under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(b)(1), (2) or (3) commits an offense
- 5 if he knowingly fails to:
- 6 (1) register with the Pennsylvania State Police as
- 7 required under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.2 (relating to registration
- 8 procedures and applicability);
- 9 (2) verify his address or be photographed as required
- under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9796 (relating to verification of
- 11 residence); or
- 12 (3) provide accurate information when registering under
- 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.2 or verifying an address under 42 Pa.C.S.
- 14 § 9796.
- 15 (a.1) Harboring offenders.--A person commits a felony of the
- 16 third degree if the person knowingly or intentionally assists an
- 17 individual subject to registration under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1 in
- 18 evading the requirements of 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.2.
- 19 (b) Grading for offenders who must register for ten years.--
- 20 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), an individual
- subject to registration under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(a) who
- commits a violation of subsection (a)(1) [or (2)], (2) or (3)
- commits a felony of the [third] second degree.
- 24 (3) An individual subject to registration under 42
- 25 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(a) who commits a violation of subsection
- 26 (a)(1) [or (2)], (2) or (3) and who has previously been
- 27 convicted of an offense under subsection (a)(1) or (2) or a
- similar offense commits a felony of the [second] first
- degree.
- 30 [(4) An individual subject to registration under 42

- 1 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(a) who violates subsection (a)(3) commits a
- 2 felony of the second degree.]
- 3 (c) Grading for sexually violent predators and others with
- 4 lifetime registration.--
- 5 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), an individual
- 6 subject to registration under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(b)(1), (2)
- or (3) who commits a violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2)
- 8 commits a felony of the [second] third degree.
- 9 (3) An individual subject to registration under 42
- 10 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(b)(1), (2) or (3) who commits a violation of
- 11 subsection (a)(1) or (2) and who has previously been
- 12 convicted of an offense under subsection (a)(1) or (2) or a
- similar offense commits a felony of the [first] second
- 14 degree.
- 15 (4) An individual subject to registration under 42
- 16 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1(b)(1), (2) or (3) who violates subsection
- 17 (a)(3) commits a felony of the [first] second degree.
- 18 (d) Effect of notice. -- Neither failure on the part of the
- 19 Pennsylvania State Police to send nor failure of a sexually
- 20 violent predator or offender to receive any notice or
- 21 information pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 9796(a.1) or (b.1) shall be
- 22 a defense to a prosecution commenced against an individual
- 23 arising from a violation of this section. The provisions of 42
- 24 Pa.C.S. § 9796(a.1) and (b.1) are not an element of an offense
- 25 under this section.
- 26 (e) Arrests for violation.--
- 27 (1) A police officer shall have the same right of arrest
- without a warrant as in a felony whenever the police officer
- 29 has probable cause to believe an individual has committed a
- 30 violation of this section regardless of whether the violation

- 1 occurred in the presence of the police officer.
- 2 (2) An individual arrested for a violation of this
- 3 section shall be afforded a preliminary arraignment by the
- 4 proper issuing authority without unnecessary delay. In no
- 5 case may the individual be released from custody without
- 6 first having appeared before the issuing authority.
- 7 (3) Prior to admitting an individual arrested for a
- 8 violation of this section to bail, the issuing authority
- 9 shall require all of the following:
- 10 (i) The individual must be fingerprinted and
- photographed in the manner required by 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97
- 12 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders).
- 13 (ii) The individual must provide the Pennsylvania
- 14 State Police with all current or intended residences, all
- information concerning current or intended employment,
- including all employment locations, and all information
- 17 concerning current or intended enrollment as a student.
- 18 (iii) Law enforcement must make reasonable attempts
- 19 to verify the information provided by the individual.
- 20 (f) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "a
- 21 similar offense" means an offense similar to an offense under
- 22 either subsection (a)(1) or (2) under the laws of this
- 23 Commonwealth, the United States or one of its territories or
- 24 possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the
- 25 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation.
- 26 Section 3. Section 9718(a) of Title 42, amended November 29,
- 27 2006 (P.L.1567, No.178), is amended to read:
- 28 § 9718. Sentences for offenses against [infant persons]
- children.
- 30 (a) Mandatory sentence.--

- 1 (1) A person convicted of the following offenses when
- the victim is under 16 years of age shall be sentenced to a
- 3 mandatory term of imprisonment as follows:
- 4 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1) and (4) (relating to aggravated
- 5 assault) not less than [two years.] ten years for a first
- offense, 20 years for a second offense or 40 years for a
- 7 third offense.
- 8 18 Pa.C.S. § 3121(a)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) (relating
- 9 to rape) not less than ten years <u>for a first offense</u>, <u>20</u>
- 10 years for a second offense or 40 years for a third offense.
- 11 18 Pa.C.S. § 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual
- intercourse) not less than ten years <u>for a first offense</u>,
- 20 years for a second offense or 40 years for a third
- offense.
- aggravated indecent assault) not less than [five years] ten
- 17 years for a first offense, 20 years for a second offense or
- 18 40 years for a third offense.
- 19 (2) A person convicted of the following offenses when
- the victim is less than 13 years of age shall be sentenced to
- 21 a mandatory term of imprisonment as follows:
- 22 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1) not less than [five years] <u>ten</u>
- 23 years for a first offense, 20 years for a second offense or
- 24 <u>40 years for a third offense</u>.
- 25 (3) A person convicted of the following offenses shall
- 26 be sentenced to a mandatory term of imprisonment as follows:
- 27 18 Pa.C.S. § 3121(c) and (d) not less than ten years
- for a first offense, 20 years for a second offense or 40
- years for a third offense.
- 30 18 Pa.C.S. § 3125(a)(7) not less than [five years] ten

- 1 years for a first offense, 20 years for a second offense or
- 2 40 years for a third offense.
- 3 18 Pa.C.S. § 3125(b) not less than ten years[.] for a
- 4 first offense, 20 years for a second offense or 40 years for
- 5 <u>a third offense.</u>
- 6 (4) An offender designated as a "sexually violent
- 7 predator" as defined in section 9792 (relating to
- 8 <u>definitions</u>) who commits any of the offenses in paragraph (1)
- 9 <u>or (2) shall be sentenced to a mandatory term of imprisonment</u>
- 10 as follows: 25 years for a first offense, 50 years for a
- 11 <u>second offense or 75 years for a third offense.</u>
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- 13 Section 4. Section 9792 of Title 42 is amended by adding
- 14 definitions to read:
- 15 § 9792. Definitions.
- 16 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
- 17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 18 context clearly indicates otherwise:
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- 20 "GPS." A global positioning system operated by the United
- 21 States Department of Defense which provides specially coded
- 22 satellite signals that can be processed by a receiver to compute
- 23 location.
- 24 <u>"GPS tracking device." A device which enables the location</u>
- 25 of the offender to be monitored through use of GPS and related
- 26 <u>technology and which is designed so that it:</u>
- 27 (1) actively and continuously monitors, identifies and
- 28 <u>reports location data within a 100-mile radius;</u>
- 29 (2) permits the Pennsylvania State Police and any local
- 30 police department to receive location data, record it

- 1 <u>securely and confidentially and retain it indefinitely;</u>
- 2 (3) can be worn around the wrist or ankle; and
- 3 (4) cannot be removed without:
- 4 <u>(i) employing specialized equipment specifically</u>
- 5 <u>designed for that purpose; and</u>
- 6 (ii) alerting the Pennsylvania State Police and each
- 7 <u>local police department that it has been removed.</u>
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- 9 Section 5. Section 9795.2 heading, (a) and (d) of Title 42,
- 10 amended November 24, 2004 (P.L.1243, No.152) and November 29,
- 11 2006 (P.L.1567, No.178), are amended and the section is amended
- 12 by adding subsections to read:
- 13 § 9795.2. Registration procedures [and]; applicability;
- 14 probationary supervision; alert system; and child
- 15 protection zone.
- 16 (a) Registration.--
- 17 (1) Offenders and sexually violent predators shall be
- 18 required to register with the Pennsylvania State Police upon
- 19 release from incarceration, upon parole from a State or
- 20 county correctional institution or upon the commencement of a
- 21 sentence of intermediate punishment or probation. For
- 22 purposes of registration, offenders and sexually violent
- 23 predators shall provide the Pennsylvania State Police with
- 24 all current or intended residences[,]. If the offender or
- 25 sexually violent predator's place of residence is a motor
- vehicle, trailer, mobile home or manufactured home, the
- 27 offender or sexually violent predator shall also provide the
- 28 <u>vehicle identification number, the license tag number, the</u>
- 29 <u>registration number and a description, including color</u>
- 30 scheme, of the motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home or

1	manufactured home. If the offender or sexually violent
2	predator's place of residence is a vessel, live-aboard vessel
3	or houseboat, the offender or sexually violent predator shall
4	also provide the hull identification number, the
5	manufacturer's serial number, the name of the vessel, live-
6	aboard vessel or houseboat, the registration number and a
7	description, including color scheme, of the vessel, live-
8	aboard vessel or houseboat. The registration process also
9	requires offenders and sexually violent predators to disclose
10	all information concerning current or intended employment and
11	all information concerning current or intended enrollment as
12	a student.
13	(2) Offenders and sexually violent predators shall
14	inform the Pennsylvania State Police within 48 hours of:
15	(i) Any change of residence or establishment of an
16	additional residence or residences.
17	(ii) Any change of employer or employment location
18	for a period of time that will exceed 14 days or for an
19	aggregate period of time that will exceed 30 days during
20	any calendar year, or termination of employment.
21	(iii) Any change of institution or location at which
22	the person is enrolled as a student, or termination of
23	enrollment.
24	(iv) Becoming employed or enrolled as a student if
25	the person has not previously provided that information
26	to the Pennsylvania State Police.
27	(2.1) Registration with a new law enforcement agency
28	shall occur no later than 48 hours after establishing

residence in another state.

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(2.2) Persons required to comply with registration

1 <u>provisions pursuant to a conviction for a sexual offense</u>

2 <u>under the laws of the United States or one of its territories</u>

3 or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the

4 <u>Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation shall</u>

register with the Pennsylvania State Police no later then ten

days after establishing residence in this Commonwealth.

- (3) The ten-year registration period required in section 9795.1(a) (relating to registration) shall be tolled when an offender is recommitted for a parole violation or sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment. In such cases, the Department of Corrections or county correctional facility shall notify the Pennsylvania State Police of the admission of the offender.
- (4) This paragraph shall apply to all offenders and sexually violent predators:
- (i) Where the offender or sexually violent predator 16 17 was granted parole by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation 18 and Parole or the court or is sentenced to probation or intermediate punishment, the board or county office of 19 20 probation and parole shall collect registration information from the offender or sexually violent 21 22 predator and forward that registration information to the 23 Pennsylvania State Police. The Department of Corrections 24 or county correctional facility shall not release the offender or sexually violent predator until it receives 25 26 verification from the Pennsylvania State Police that it 27 has received the registration information. Verification 28 by the Pennsylvania State Police may occur by electronic means, including e-mail or facsimile transmission. Where 29 30 the offender or sexually violent predator is scheduled to

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1 be released from a State correctional facility or county correctional facility because of the expiration of the 2. 3 maximum term of incarceration, the Department of 4 Corrections or county correctional facility shall collect 5 the information from the offender or sexually violent predator no later than ten days prior to the maximum 6 expiration date. The registration information shall be 7 forwarded to the Pennsylvania State Police. 8

(ii) Where the offender or sexually violent predator scheduled to be released from a State correctional facility or county correctional facility due to the maximum expiration date refuses to provide the registration information, the Department of Corrections or county correctional facility shall notify the Pennsylvania State Police or police department with jurisdiction over the facility of the failure to provide registration information and of the expected date, time and location of the release of the offender or sexually violent predator.

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- 21 (c.1) GPS tracking device.--
- (1) Upon classification as a sexually violent predator,
 the sexually violent predator shall be fitted with a GPS
 tracking device.
- 25 (2) The Pennsylvania State Police shall combine data
 26 collected by use of GPS tracking devices and retain the data
 27 in a single database which can be searched by date, time and
 28 location. Information in the database is confidential and
 29 shall be accessed only by authorized law enforcement
 30 personnel in connection with official investigation of cases

- in which the status of an individual fitted with a GPS
- 2 <u>tracking device may be relevant to the investigation.</u>
- 3 (d) Penalty.--
- 4 (1) An individual subject to registration under section
- 5 9795.1(a) or (b) who fails to register with the Pennsylvania
- 6 State Police as required by this section may be subject to
- 7 prosecution under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4915 (relating to failure to
- 8 comply with registration of sexual offenders requirements).
- 9 (2) An individual who fails to immediately notify the
- 10 <u>nearest police department that a sexually violent predator's</u>
- 11 GPS tracking device has been removed commits a felony of the
- 12 <u>third degree</u>.
- 13 (3) A person that, without court order, removes, alters,
- tampers with, interferes with the operation of, damages or
- destroys a GPS tracking device commits a felony of the third
- degree.
- 17 (4) A person that violates subsection (c.1)(2) commits a
- misdemeanor of the third degree.
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- 20 (f) Travel restricted. -- No person subject to section 9795.1
- 21 who is on parole, commencing a sentence of intermediate
- 22 punishment or subject to probationary supervision shall be
- 23 permitted to travel out of the person's county of residence
- 24 <u>without specific permission of the court of record.</u>
- 25 (g) Alert system. -- The Pennsylvania State Police shall
- 26 <u>establish and maintain an alert system which provides prompt</u>
- 27 notification to the general public and law enforcement
- 28 <u>authorities and assists in identifying and locating persons</u>
- 29 <u>subject to GPS tracking who fail to register as required by this</u>
- 30 chapter or who violate subsection (d)(3) or (h). The

- 1 Pennsylvania State Police shall establish such protocols and
- 2 procedures as are necessary for the effective operation of the
- 3 <u>alert system and shall educate and inform local law enforcement</u>
- 4 agencies and the public with regard to its availability. Owners,
- 5 licensees, operators and employees of any communication medium,
- 6 including, but not limited to, telephone, radio, television,
- 7 newspaper, digital communications network or global
- 8 communications network shall be immune from civil liability for
- 9 good faith conduct while participating in accordance with this
- 10 <u>subsection</u>.
- 11 (h) Child protective zone. -- A person subject to the
- 12 registration requirements of section 9795.1 who intentionally or
- 13 knowingly enters into an area within 2,000 feet of a school,
- 14 playground, park or day-care center commits a felony of the
- 15 <u>third degree</u>.
- Section 6. Section 9796 of Title 42, amended November 24,
- 17 2004 (P.L.1243, No.152), is amended to read:
- 18 § 9796. Verification of residence.
- 19 (a) [Quarterly verification] <u>Verification</u> by sexually
- 20 violent predators. -- The Pennsylvania State Police shall verify
- 21 the residence and compliance with counseling as provided for in
- 22 section 9799.4 (relating to counseling of sexually violent
- 23 predators) of sexually violent predators every [90] 30 days
- 24 through the use of a nonforwardable verification form to the
- 25 last reported residence. For the period of registration required
- 26 by section 9795.1 (relating to registration), a sexually violent
- 27 predator shall appear quarterly between January 5 and January
- 28 15, April 5 and April 15, July 5 and July 15 and October 5 and
- 29 October 15 of each calendar year at an approved registration
- 30 site to complete a verification form and to be photographed.

- 1 (a.1) Facilitation of [quarterly] monthly verification.--The
- 2 Pennsylvania State Police shall facilitate and administer the
- 3 verification process required by subsection (a) by:
- 4 (1) sending a notice by first class United States mail
- 5 to all registered sexually violent predators at their last
- 6 reported residence addresses. This notice shall be sent not
- 7 more than 30 days nor less than 15 days prior to each of the
- 8 [quarterly] monthly verification periods set forth in
- 9 subsection (a) and shall remind sexually violent predators of
- 10 their [quarterly] monthly verification requirement and
- 11 provide them with a list of approved registration sites; and
- 12 (2) providing verification and compliance forms as
- 13 necessary to each approved registration site not less than
- ten days before each of the [quarterly] monthly verification
- 15 periods.
- 16 (a.2) Quarterly verification. -- Sexually violent predators
- 17 shall appear quarterly between January 5 and January 15, April 5
- 18 and April 15, July 5 and July 15 and October 5 and October 15 of
- 19 each calendar year at an approved registration site to complete
- 20 a verification form and to be photographed.
- 21 (b) Annual verification by offenders. -- The Pennsylvania
- 22 State Police shall verify the residence of offenders. For the
- 23 period of registration required by section 9795.1, an offender
- 24 shall appear within ten days before each annual anniversary date
- 25 of the offender's initial registration under section 9795.1 at
- 26 an approved registration site to complete a verification form
- 27 and to be photographed.
- 28 (b.1) Facilitation of annual verification. -- The Pennsylvania
- 29 State Police shall facilitate and administer the verification
- 30 process required by subsection (b) by:

- 1 (1) sending a notice by first class United States mail
- 2 to all registered offenders at their last reported residence
- 3 addresses. This notice shall be sent not more than 30 days
- 4 nor less than 15 days prior to each offender's annual
- 5 anniversary date and shall remind the offender of the annual
- 6 verification requirement and provide the offender with a list
- 7 of approved registration sites; and
- 8 (2) providing verification and compliance forms as
- 9 necessary to each approved registration site.
- 10 (b.2) Quarterly verification by offenders.--The Pennsylvania
- 11 State Police shall verify the residence of offenders every 90
- 12 days through the use of a nonforwardable verification form to
- 13 <u>the last reported residence.</u>
- 14 (c) Notification of law enforcement agencies of change of
- 15 residence. -- A change of residence of an offender or sexually
- 16 violent predator required to register under this subchapter
- 17 reported to the Pennsylvania State Police shall be immediately
- 18 reported by the Pennsylvania State Police to the appropriate law
- 19 enforcement agency having jurisdiction of the offender's or the
- 20 sexually violent predator's new place of residence. The
- 21 Pennsylvania State Police shall, if the offender or sexually
- 22 violent predator changes residence to another state, notify the
- 23 law enforcement agency with which the offender or sexually
- 24 violent predator must register in the new state.
- 25 (d) Failure to provide verification. -- Where an offender or
- 26 sexually violent predator fails to provide verification of
- 27 residence within the ten-day period as set forth in this
- 28 section, the Pennsylvania State Police shall immediately notify
- 29 the municipal police department of the offender's or the
- 30 sexually violent predator's last verified residence. The local

- 1 municipal police shall locate the offender or sexually violent
- 2 predator and arrest him for violating this section. The
- 3 Pennsylvania State Police shall assume responsibility for
- 4 locating the offender or sexually violent predator and arresting
- 5 him in jurisdictions where no municipal police jurisdiction
- 6 exists. The Pennsylvania State Police shall assist any municipal
- 7 police department requesting assistance with locating and
- 8 arresting an offender or sexually violent predator who fails to
- 9 verify his residence.
- 10 (e) Penalty.--An individual subject to registration under
- 11 section 9795.1(a) or (b) who fails to verify his residence or to
- 12 be photographed as required by this section may be subject to
- 13 prosecution under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4915 (relating to failure to
- 14 comply with registration of sexual offenders requirements).
- 15 (f) Effect of notice.--Neither failure on the part of the
- 16 Pennsylvania State Police to send nor failure of a sexually
- 17 violent predator or offender to receive any notice or
- 18 information under subsection (a.1) or (b.1) shall relieve that
- 19 predator or offender from the requirements of this subchapter.
- 20 Section 7. Section 9798.1 of Title 42, added November 24,
- 21 2004 (P.L.1243, No.152), November 9, 2006 (P.L.1352, No.143) and
- 22 November 29, 2006 (P.L.1581, No.179), is amended to read:
- 23 § 9798.1. Information made available on the Internet.
- 24 (a) Legislative findings.--It is hereby declared to be the
- 25 finding of the General Assembly that public safety will be
- 26 enhanced by making information about sexually violent predators,
- 27 lifetime registrants and other sex offenders available to the
- 28 public through the Internet. Knowledge of whether a person is a
- 29 sexually violent predator, lifetime registrant or other sex
- 30 offender could be a significant factor in protecting oneself and

- 1 one's family members, or those in care of a group or community
- 2 organization, from recidivist acts by sexually violent
- 3 predators, lifetime registrants and other sex offenders. The
- 4 technology afforded by the Internet would make this information
- 5 readily accessible to parents and private entities, enabling
- 6 them to undertake appropriate remedial precautions to prevent or
- 7 avoid placing potential victims at risk. Public access to
- 8 information about sexually violent predators, lifetime
- 9 registrants and other sex offenders is intended solely as a
- 10 means of public protection and shall not be construed as
- 11 punitive.
- 12 (b) Internet posting of sexually violent predators, lifetime
- 13 registrants and other offenders. -- The Commissioner of the
- 14 Pennsylvania State Police shall, in the manner and form directed
- 15 by the Governor:
- 16 (1) Develop and maintain a system for making the
- information described in subsection (c) publicly available by
- 18 electronic means so that the public may, without limitation,
- 19 obtain access to the information via an Internet website to
- view an individual record or the records of all sexually
- violent predators, lifetime registrants and other offenders
- 22 who are registered with the Pennsylvania State Police.
- 23 (2) Ensure that the Internet website contains warnings
- 24 that any person who uses the information contained therein to
- 25 threaten, intimidate or harass another or who otherwise
- 26 misuses that information may be criminally prosecuted.
- 27 (3) Ensure that the Internet website contains an
- 28 explanation of its limitations, including statements advising
- that a positive identification of a sexually violent
- 30 predator, lifetime registrant or other offender whose record

1 has been made available may be confirmed only by

2 fingerprints; that some information contained on the Internet

3 website may be outdated or inaccurate; and that the Internet

4 website is not a comprehensive listing of every person who

5 has ever committed a sex offense in Pennsylvania.

- (4) Strive to ensure that:
- 7 (i) the information contained on the Internet 8 website is accurate;
 - (ii) the data therein is revised and updated as appropriate in a timely and efficient manner; and
 - (iii) instructions are included on how to seek correction of information which a person contends is erroneous.
 - (5) Provide on the Internet website general information designed to inform and educate the public about sex offenders and sexually violent predators and the operation of this subchapter as well as pertinent and appropriate information concerning crime prevention and personal safety, with appropriate links to other relevant Internet websites operated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
 - (6) Identify when the victim is a minor with a special designation. The identity of a victim of a sex offense shall not be published or posted on the Internet website.
- 24 (7) Provide current or prospective Commonwealth
 25 residents the ability to search the database of an Internet
 26 website by inputting a home address. This type of Internet
 27 search shall enable current or prospective residents to input
 28 an address and discover if persons required to register under
 29 section 9795.1 (relating to registration) live within five
 30 miles of their residence. This function shall allow current

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- 1 or prospective Commonwealth residents the ability to view the
- 2 location of the residence of those required to register under
- 3 <u>section 9795.1 in relation to their own by electronic map.</u>
- 4 (c) Information permitted to be disclosed regarding
- 5 individuals. -- Notwithstanding 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to
- 6 criminal history record information), the Internet website shall
- 7 contain the following information on each individual:
- 8 (1) For sexually violent predators, the following
- 9 information shall be posted on the Internet website:
- 10 (i) name and all known aliases;
- 11 (ii) year of birth;
- 12 (iii) the street address, municipality, county and
- zip code of all residences, including, where applicable,
- the name of the prison or other place of confinement;
- 15 (iv) the street address, municipality, county, zip
- 16 code and name of any institution or location at which the
- 17 person is enrolled as a student;
- 18 (v) the municipality, county and zip code of any
- 19 employment location;
- 20 (vi) a photograph of the offender, which shall be
- 21 updated not less than annually;
- (vii) a physical description of the offender,
- including sex, height, weight, eye color, hair color and
- 24 race;
- 25 (viii) any identifying marks, including scars,
- 26 birthmarks and tattoos;
- 27 (ix) the license plate number and description of any
- vehicle owned or registered to the offender;
- 29 (x) whether the offender is currently compliant with
- 30 registration requirements;

- 1 (xi) whether the victim is a minor;
- 2 (xii) a description of the offense or offenses which
- 3 triggered the application of this subchapter; and
- 4 (xiii) the date of the offense and conviction, if
- 5 available.
- 6 (2) For all other lifetime registrants and offenders
- 7 subject to registration, the information set forth in
- 8 paragraph (1) shall be posted on the Internet website.
- 9 (d) Duration of Internet posting.--
- 10 (1) The information listed in subsection (c) about a
- 11 sexually violent predator shall be made available on the
- 12 Internet for the lifetime of the sexually violent predator.
- 13 (2) The information listed in subsection (c) about an
- offender who is subject to lifetime registration shall be
- made available on the Internet for the lifetime of the
- offender unless the offender is granted relief under section
- 17 9795.5 (relating to exemption from certain notifications).
- 18 (3) The information listed in subsection (c) about any
- 19 other offender subject to registration shall be made
- 20 available on the Internet for the entire period during which
- 21 the offender is required to register, including any extension
- of this period pursuant to 9795.2(a)(3) (relating to
- registration procedures and applicability).
- (e) Use of information to commit offense. -- Use of
- 25 <u>information published on the Internet in accordance with this</u>
- 26 <u>section with intent to facilitate commission of a criminal</u>
- 27 offense shall constitute an offense of the same grade and degree
- 28 as the underlying criminal offense.
- 29 Section 8. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008.