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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 definitions, for registry and for public Internet website;
4 and providing for requirement for individuals using social
5 networking websites.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 9799.12 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 9799.12. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Social networking website." An Internet website, the
16 primary purpose of which is social interaction with other users
17 of the website.

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Section 2. Sections 9799.16(b) and 9799.28(b) of Title 42 are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

§ 9799.16. Registry.

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(b) Information provided by sexual offender.--An individual specified in section 9799.13 (relating to applicability) shall provide the following information which shall be included in the registry:

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(13.1) Electronic mail address associated with and used by the individual on all social networking website accounts. When engaging in social networking, individuals shall only use the e-mail address submitted to the registry. In order to fulfill the requirements of this paragraph, the Pennsylvania State Police shall establish a format for all individuals to adhere to and display on their social networking website accounts that includes the following:

I am a registered sex offender. I am registered in the Pennsylvania Megan's Law Database. In (year), I was convicted of (offense). This is a Tier (#) offense under Pennsylvania's Megan's Law. The date of my last registration was (year).

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§ 9799.28. Public Internet website.

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(b) Required information.--Notwithstanding Chapter 63 (relating to juvenile matters) and 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history record information), the Internet website shall contain the following information regarding an individual convicted of a sexually violent offense, a sexually violent

1 predator or a sexually violent delinquent child:

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3 (1.1) Designation used by the individual for purposes of
4 routing or self-identification in Internet communications or
5 postings.

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7 Section 3. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 9799.42. Requirement for individuals using social networking
9 websites.

10 An individual specified in section 9799.13 (relating to
11 applicability) who creates a profile or who uses the
12 functionality of a social networking website shall state that
13 the individual is a sexual offender within the individual's
14 username.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.