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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives Palumbo, Corvese, Malik, McNamara, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2009

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-37.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-37.1 entitled "Sexual
2 Offender Registration and Community Notification" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-37.1-3. Registration required -- Persons covered.** -- (a) Any person who, in this or
4 any other jurisdiction: (1) has been convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a
5 minor, (2) has been convicted of a sexually violent offense, (3) has been determined to be a
6 sexually violent predator, (4) has committed an aggravated offense as defined in section 11-37.1-
7 2, or (5) is a recidivist, as defined in section 11-37.1-4, shall be required to register his or her
8 current address with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the city or town in
9 which the person having the duty to register resides for the time period specified in section 11-
10 37.1-4.

11 (b) Any person who is: (1) a nonresident worker who has committed an offense that is
12 subject to registration in the state of his or her residence and who is employed or carrying on a
13 vocation in Rhode Island as defined in section 11-37.1-2(g), or (2) a nonresident student as
14 defined by section 11-37.1-2(m) who has committed an offense that is subject to registration in
15 the state of his or her residence and who is attending an educational institution in Rhode Island,
16 shall be required to register his or her current address and the address of his or her place of
17 employment or school attended with the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over
18 the city or town in which the nonresident worker or student is employed or attending school.

19 (c) Any person having a duty to register as a sex offender in subsection (a) of this section

1 who is enrolled at, employed at or carrying on a vocation at an institution of higher education
2 shall have an additional duty to register the information described in subsection (a) of this section
3 with the local law enforcement agency in the city or town where the primary campus of the
4 institution of higher education at which the person is enrolled, employed or carrying on a
5 vocation who is located for the period of time they are enrolled at, employed at or carrying on a
6 vocation at the institution of higher education.

7 (d) If a person is registered as a sex offender in another state for an offense which, if
8 committed within the jurisdiction of this state, would require the person to register as a sex
9 offender, then that person, upon moving to or returning to this state, shall register as a sex
10 offender in the same manner as if the offense were committed within Rhode Island.

11 (e) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, any person who is required to register
12 as a sex offender pursuant to this chapter and who is involved in the rental of any property as a
13 landlord, shall disclose his/her status as a sex offender in any lease wherein he/she is stated as the
14 landlord.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would require any person that is a landlord and is by law to required register as a
2 sex offender, would disclose said status in the lease.

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