

HOUSE No. 2324

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Michlewitz

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending the sex offender registry statute to require immediate registration of sex offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Aaron Michlewitz

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Suffolk

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By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2324) of Aaron Michlewitz for legislation to require the immediate registration of sex offenders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1496 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act amending the sex offender registry statute to require immediate registration of sex offenders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 178C of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after line 18, the following definition:-

3 “Local police department”, the police station located in the City or Town where the sex
4 offender resides or if a City or Town has more than one police station, the local police

5 department is the police station located in, or closest to, the zip code where the sex
6 offender resides. If the sex offender does not reside in Massachusetts but works or attends an
7 institution of higher learning in Massachusetts, the local police department is the police station in
8 the City or Town where the sex offender works or attends an institution of higher learning; if the
9 City or Town has more than one police station, the local police department is the police station

10 in, or closest to, the zip code where the sex offender works or attends an institution of higher
11 learning.

12 SECTION 2. Section 178F ½ of said chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
13 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 8, after the words, “data on file
14 remains true and accurate” the following words:-

15 The local police department shall immediately register any sex offender appearing in
16 person to fulfill his/her registration obligations, and shall provide a written receipt
17 showing proof of registration.