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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND  
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Gallo, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: February 09, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-37.1 of the General Laws entitled "Sexual Offender Registration  
2 and Community Notification" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-37.1-21. Duty of shelters and homeless shelters to notify law enforcement of the**  
4 **presence of sex offenders. -- (a) Any person convicted of any offense that requires sex offender**  
5 **registration pursuant to this title or otherwise has a duty to register their address with the law**  
6 **enforcement agency in the municipality in which they reside, shall be required, if said sex**  
7 **offender is homeless, to provide their name and date of birth with any shelter or homeless shelter**  
8 **at which they may stay from time to time.**

9 (b) The obligation of the sex offender to provide the information required in subsection  
10 (a) of this section, shall be on a continuing daily and nightly basis and they shall provide said  
11 information to each shelter or homeless shelter at which they take up temporary residence  
12 regardless of the length of time they stay at such shelter.

13 (c) Any employee of any shelter or homeless shelter that receives information from such  
14 sex offender shall be required to transmit that information to the local law enforcement agency  
15 and if there be none, to the closest Rhode Island state police barracks within one hour of the  
16 offender registering or signing in for the day, night or any portion of a day.

17 (d) Any employee of any shelter or homeless shelter that violates the provisions of this  
18 chapter shall be punished upon conviction by imprisonment of up to five (5) years and/or a fine of

1 [up to five thousand dollars \(\\$5000\).](#)

2 [\(e\) Any sex offender who fails to disclose information as required by this chapter shall be](#)  
3 [subject to the same penalties as set forth in §11-37.1-10.](#)

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

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1           This act would provide that sex offenders register their presence with any homeless  
2 shelter at which they may temporarily stay and would provide that said shelters notify the local  
3 law enforcement agency of the presence of said offenders within one hour of the offender signing  
4 in for any portion of the day or night.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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