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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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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 inform the shelter of their status and duty to register and to provide their**
8 **name and date of birth to any shelter or homeless shelter at which they may stay from time to**
9 **time.**

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

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

18 **(d) The homeless shelter that violates the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction**

1 of a 1st offense, be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500); of a 2nd offense be
2 subject to a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000); of a 3rd offense be subject to a fine of up
3 to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and/or imprisonment for up to one year.

4 (e) Any sex offender who fails to disclose information as required by this chapter shall be
5 subject to the same penalties as set forth in §11-37.1-10.

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

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

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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