

requiring a local law enforcement agency to send a copy of a registration statement, within a certain period, to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring the Department to maintain a central registry of child sexual offenders; requiring a local law enforcement agency to send a copy of a registration statement to certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring a child sexual offender to provide certain notice of a change in residence; requiring a local law enforcement agency to provide certain notice to the Department of an offender's change in address; requiring a child sexual offender to register annually for a certain period; requiring that a local law enforcement agency provide certain notice and a copy of a registration statement to the police department of a municipal corporation under certain circumstances; making the violation of any provision of the Act a penitentiary misdemeanor; imposing certain penalties; requiring the Department to conduct certain public education and awareness programs; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child sexual offenders.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 692B

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

692B.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "~~CHILD SEXUAL OFFENDER~~" MEANS A PERSON WHO:

~~(I) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF VIOLATING § 35A OF THIS ARTICLE FOR AN OFFENSE INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSE;~~

~~(II) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 462 THROUGH 464C OF THIS ARTICLE FOR AN OFFENSE INVOLVING AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS; OR~~

~~(III) HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN ANOTHER STATE OF AN OFFENSE THAT, IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE VIOLATIONS SET FORTH IN ITEMS (I) OR (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;~~

~~(IV) HAS BEEN GRANTED PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN ITEM (I) OR ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; OR~~

~~(V) HAS BEEN FOUND NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR AN OFFENSE DESCRIBED IN ITEMS (I) THROUGH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~