

immunity for elected public officials, public employees, and public agencies; requiring a supervising authority to give written notice of the registration requirements of this Act to a child sexual offender and obtain a signed statement from the offender acknowledging receipt of the notice; requiring that a registration statement include certain information; 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 this 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 SEX OFFENDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED:~~

~~(I) OF VIOLATING § 1 OF THIS ARTICLE;~~

~~(II) OF VIOLATING § 35A OF THIS ARTICLE FOR AN OFFENSE INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD;~~

~~(III) OF VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 462 THROUGH 464C OF THIS ARTICLE FOR AN OFFENSE INVOLVING AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS; OR~~

~~(IV) IN ANOTHER STATE OF AN OFFENSE THAT, IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE, WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OR ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~