REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER AND MANNER IN WHICH NOTIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED.

- (III) THE DEPARTMENT AND A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT RELEASE THE IDENTITY OF A VICTIM OF AN OFFENSE THAT REQUIRES REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (8) A DISCLOSURE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT ANY OTHER DISCLOSURE PERMITTED OR REQUIRED UNDER LAW.
- (K) AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, OR PUBLIC AGENCY SHALL HAVE THE IMMUNITY DESCRIBED IN §§ 5–302 AND 5–522 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE REGARDING CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTION RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS IT IS SHOWN THAT THE OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENCY ACTED WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR IN BAD FAITH.
- (L) A REGISTRANT WHO KNOWINGLY FAILS TO REGISTER OR KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE INFORMATION OF A MATERIAL FACT AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR BOTH.
- (M) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION WITH ADVICE FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER § 744 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 5 and 6 of this Act, this Act shall be construed only prospectively to apply to offenses that are committed on or after [October] JULY 1, 1997, and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any individual who commits an offense before July 1, 1997.

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SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall conduct public education and awareness programs to inform the public of its ability to obtain information regarding a registrant under this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a child sexual offender who is subject to the requirements of Chapter 142 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995 and who committed the sexual offense before the effective date of this Act is subject to the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That provided that the second or subsequent sexually violent offense occurred on or after the effective date of this