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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania State Police,  
3 providing for nonpublic database registry of domestic  
4 violence offenders; and imposing penalties.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 44 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 25

10 NONPUBLIC DATABASE REGISTRY OF

11 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS

12 Subchapter

13 A. Preliminary Provisions

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15 SUBCHAPTER A

16 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

17 Sec.

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1 § 2501. Scope of chapter.

2 This chapter relates to the nonpublic database registry of  
3 domestic violence offenders.

4 § 2502. Definitions.

5 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
6 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Database registry." The Nonpublic Database Registry for  
9 Domestic Violence Offenders established under section 2511  
10 (relating to establishment).

11 "Family or household members." As defined in 23 Pa.C.S. §  
12 6102(a) (relating to definitions).

13 "Law enforcement agency." Any of the following:

14 (1) The Pennsylvania State Police.

15 (2) A police department of a municipality.

16 (3) Any other entity that employs individuals who, by  
17 virtue of their office or public employment, are vested by  
18 law with a duty to maintain public order or make arrests for  
19 offenses, whether the duty extends to all offenses or is  
20 limited to specific offenses.

21 (4) The Office of Attorney General.

22 (5) A county district attorney's office.

23 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town  
24 or township of this Commonwealth.

25 SUBCHAPTER B

26 DATABASE REGISTRY

27 Sec.

28 2511. Establishment.

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7 § 2511. Establishment.

8 The Nonpublic Database Registry for Domestic Violence

9 Offenders is established to carry out the purposes of this

10 chapter.

11 § 2512. Implementation and administration.

12 The Pennsylvania State Police shall implement and administer

13 the database registry.

14 § 2513. Purpose.

15 The purpose of the database registry shall be to maintain a

16 complete and systematic index of all records regarding domestic

17 violence offenders in this Commonwealth.

18 § 2514. Accessibility.

19 The database registry shall be accessible only by a law

20 enforcement agency and the Office of Victim Advocate.

21 § 2515. Characteristics generally.

22 The database registry shall be:

23 (1) Composed of an electronic database and digitized

24 records.

25 (2) Able to communicate with analogous registries

26 established in other jurisdictions.

27 § 2516. Registration.

28 (a) Who must register.--An individual who has been convicted

29 of or adjudicated delinquent for an offense under any of the

30 following, or an attempt to commit an offense under any of the

1 following, against family or household members shall register  
2 with the Pennsylvania State Police to be included in the  
3 database registry:

4 (1) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2502 (relating to murder).

5 (2) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2503 (relating to voluntary  
6 manslaughter).

7 (3) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2504 (relating to involuntary  
8 manslaughter).

9 (4) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2701 (relating to simple assault), if  
10 the offense is graded as a misdemeanor of the second degree  
11 or higher.

12 (5) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).

13 (6) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2705 (relating to recklessly  
14 endangering another person).

15 (7) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2706 (relating to terroristic threats).

16 (8) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709.1 (relating to stalking).

17 (9) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2718 (relating to strangulation).

18 (10) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2901 (relating to kidnapping).

19 (11) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).

20 (12) 18 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).

21 (b) Period of registration.--An individual who is required  
22 to register under subsection (a) shall remain registered in the  
23 database registry as follows:

24 (1) If an individual registered as a result of murder or  
25 voluntary manslaughter, the individual shall remain  
26 registered for the life of the individual.

27 (2) If an individual registered as a result of  
28 involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, strangulation  
29 or kidnapping, the individual shall remain registered for a  
30 period of 25 years.

1           (3) If an individual registered as a result of  
2 terroristic threats or stalking, the individual shall remain  
3 registered for a period of 15 years.

4           (4) If an individual registered as a result of simple  
5 assault, recklessly endangering another person, unlawful  
6 restraint or false imprisonment, the individual shall remain  
7 registered for a period of five years.

8 (c) Commencement of registration.--

9           (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the period of registration  
10 under subsection (b) shall commence as follows:

11           (i) For an individual who committed an offense which  
12 requires registration in the database registry, the  
13 period of registration shall commence upon any of the  
14 following:

15           (A) Release from incarceration in a State or  
16 county correctional facility, including release to a  
17 community correction center or community contract  
18 facility.

19           (B) Parole or a sentence of probation.

20           (C) A sentence of State or county intermediate  
21 punishment in which the individual is not sentenced  
22 to a period of incarceration.

23           (ii) For an individual who is a juvenile offender,  
24 the period of registration shall commence upon any of the  
25 following:

26           (A) Release from an institution or facility  
27 described in 42 Pa.C.S. § 6352(a)(3) (relating to  
28 disposition of delinquent child), if the juvenile  
29 offender is subject to the jurisdiction of a court  
30 pursuant to a disposition entered under 42 Pa.C.S. §

1 6352 and is under court-ordered placement in an  
2 institution or facility described in 42 Pa.C.S. §  
3 6352(a)(3).

4 (B) Disposition, if the juvenile offender is  
5 subject to the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to a  
6 disposition entered under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6352 and is  
7 placed on probation or is otherwise subject to  
8 jurisdiction of a court pursuant to a disposition  
9 under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6352 that did not involve out-of-  
10 home placement.

11 (2) The period of registration under paragraph (1) shall  
12 be tolled for the period of time in which the individual is  
13 any of the following:

14 (i) Incarcerated in a Federal, State or county  
15 correctional institution, excluding a community contract  
16 facility or community corrections center.

17 (ii) Subject to a sentence of intermediate  
18 punishment which is restrictive and the individual is  
19 sentenced to a period of incarceration.

20 (iii) Committed to an institution or facility  
21 described in 42 Pa.C.S. § 6352(a)(3) that provides the  
22 individual with 24-hour-per-day supervision and care.

23 (iv) Incarcerated in a Federal correctional  
24 institution, excluding a community contract facility or  
25 community corrections center.

26 (3) This subsection shall apply to an individual who is:

27 (i) Recommitted to a Federal, State or county  
28 correctional institution for a parole violation or has  
29 been sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment.

30 (ii) Committed or recommitted to a Federal

1 correctional institution.

2 (4) In the case of recommitment to a State or county  
3 correctional institution under paragraph (3), the Department  
4 of Corrections or the county correctional facility shall  
5 notify the Pennsylvania State Police of the admission of the  
6 individual.

7 § 2517. In-person reporting.

8 (a) Periodic in-person appearance required.--Except as  
9 provided in subsections (b), (c) and (d), an individual who is  
10 required to register in accordance with section 2516(a)  
11 (relating to registration) shall appear in person at an approved  
12 registration site established by the Pennsylvania State Police  
13 to provide or verify the information specified in section  
14 2518(a) (relating to information) and be photographed. The  
15 following apply:

16 (1) If the individual registered as a result of murder  
17 or voluntary manslaughter, the individual shall appear on a  
18 quarterly basis.

19 (2) If the individual registered as a result of  
20 involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, strangulation,  
21 stalking or terroristic threats, the individual shall appear  
22 on a semiannual basis.

23 (3) If the individual registered as a result of simple  
24 assault or recklessly endangering another person, the  
25 individual shall appear on an annual basis.

26 (b) Transient.--If an individual who is required to register  
27 in accordance with section 2516(a) is a transient, the following  
28 apply:

29 (1) The individual shall appear in person at an approved  
30 registration site established by the Pennsylvania State

1 Police to provide or verify the information specified in  
2 section 2518(a) and be photographed on a monthly basis.

3 (2) The duty to appear in person on a monthly basis and  
4 be photographed shall apply until the individual establishes  
5 a residence. If the individual establishes a residence, the  
6 requirement of periodic in-person appearances under  
7 subsection (a) shall apply.

8 (c) Juvenile offender.--If an individual who is required to  
9 register in accordance with section 2516(a) is a juvenile  
10 offender who is not a transient, the individual shall appear in  
11 person at an approved registration site established by the  
12 Pennsylvania State Police to provide or verify the information  
13 specified in section 2518(a) and be photographed on a quarterly  
14 basis.

15 (d) Updating information.--In addition to the periodic in-  
16 person appearance required in subsections (a), (b) and (c), an  
17 individual who is required to register in accordance with  
18 section 2516(a) shall appear in person at an approved  
19 registration site established by the Pennsylvania State Police  
20 within three business days to provide current information  
21 relating to the individual's:

22 (1) Change in name, including an alias.

23 (2) Commencement of residence, change in residence,  
24 termination of residence or failure to maintain a residence,  
25 in which case the individual shall be deemed a transient.

26 (3) Commencement of employment, change in the location  
27 or entity in which the individual is employed or termination  
28 of employment.

29 (4) Initial enrollment as a student, change in  
30 enrollment as a student or termination as a student.



1       (5) Additional or change in telephone number, including  
2 a cell phone number, or termination of telephone number,  
3 including a cell phone number.

4       (6) Additional, change in or termination of a motor  
5 vehicle, watercraft or aircraft owned or operated by the  
6 individual. The individual must provide:

7           (i) The license plate number, registration number or  
8 other identifier of the motor vehicle, watercraft or  
9 aircraft.

10          (ii) Any addition to or change in the address of the  
11 place where the motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft is  
12 stored.

13       (7) Commencement of temporary lodging, change in  
14 temporary lodging or termination of temporary lodging. The  
15 individual must provide the specific length of time and the  
16 dates during which the individual will be temporarily lodged.

17       (8) Additional, change in or termination of email  
18 address, instant message address or other designation used in  
19 Internet communications or postings.

20       (9) Additional, change in or termination of information  
21 related to occupational and professional licensing, including  
22 type of license held and license number.

23       (e) Notice of change.--If an individual who is required to  
24 register in accordance with section 2516(a) makes a change to  
25 the information specified under subsection (d), the Pennsylvania  
26 State Police shall notify the Office of Victim Advocate of the  
27 change. Upon notification, the Office of Victim Advocate shall  
28 immediately inform any victim of the individual's offense of the  
29 change.

30       (f) Incarcerated or committed individuals.--The requirements

1 of subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall not apply to an  
2 individual who is required to register in accordance with  
3 section 2516(a) and who is:

4 (1) incarcerated in a correctional institution,  
5 excluding a community contract facility or community  
6 corrections center;

7 (2) subject to a sentence of intermediate punishment  
8 which is restrictive and the individual is sentenced to a  
9 period of incarceration; or

10 (3) committed to an institution or facility specified in  
11 42 Pa.C.S. § 6352(a)(3) (relating to disposition of  
12 delinquent child), which provides the individual with 24-  
13 hour-per-day supervision and care.

14 § 2518. Information.

15 (a) Provided by domestic violence offender.--An individual  
16 who is required to register in accordance with section 2516(a)  
17 (relating to registration) shall provide the following  
18 information for inclusion in the database registry:

19 (1) The primary or given name of the individual,  
20 including an alias, nickname, pseudonym or ethnic or tribal  
21 name, regardless of the context used, and any designation or  
22 moniker used by the individual for self-identification in  
23 Internet communications or postings.

24 (2) Any designation used by the individual for purposes  
25 of routing or self-identification in Internet communications  
26 or postings.

27 (3) The telephone number, including cell phone number,  
28 and any other designation used by the individual for purposes  
29 of routing or self-identification in telephonic  
30 communications.

1           (4) The valid Social Security number issued to the  
2 individual by the Federal Government and purported Social  
3 Security number.

4           (5) The address of each residence or intended residence  
5 of the individual, whether or not the residence or intended  
6 residence is located within this Commonwealth, and the  
7 location at which the individual receives mail, including a  
8 post office box. If the individual fails to maintain a  
9 residence and is therefore a transient, the individual shall  
10 provide information for the registry as specified in  
11 paragraph (6).

12           (6) If the individual is a transient, the following  
13 apply:

14                 (i) The individual shall provide the following  
15 information:

16                         (A) Information about the individual's temporary  
17 habitat or other temporary place of abode or  
18 dwelling, including a homeless shelter or park.

19                         (B) A list of places where the individual eats,  
20 frequents and engages in leisure activities and any  
21 planned destinations, including those outside this  
22 Commonwealth.

23                 (ii) If the individual changes or adds to the places  
24 listed under this paragraph during a monthly period, the  
25 individual shall list the places when registering as a  
26 transient during the next monthly period and shall  
27 provide the place that the individual receives mail,  
28 including a post office box. The duty to provide the  
29 information under this subparagraph shall apply until the  
30 individual establishes a residence.

1       (7) Temporary lodging of the individual, including the  
2 specific length of time and the dates during which the  
3 individual will be temporarily lodged.

4       (8) A passport and documents establishing immigration  
5 status, which shall be copied in a digitized format for  
6 inclusion in the database registry.

7       (9) The name and address of the employer or prospective  
8 employer of the individual. If the individual is not employed  
9 in a fixed workplace, the individual shall provide  
10 information regarding general travel routes and general areas  
11 where the individual works.

12       (10) Information relating to occupational and  
13 professional licensing of the individual, including the type  
14 of license held and license number.

15       (11) The name and address of the institution in which  
16 the individual is a student or will be a student.

17       (12) Information relating to any motor vehicle,  
18 watercraft or aircraft owned or operated by the individual,  
19 including the following:

20           (i) A description of each motor vehicle, watercraft  
21 or aircraft.

22           (ii) The license plate number, registration number  
23 or other identification number of each motor vehicle,  
24 watercraft or aircraft.

25           (iii) The address of the place where each motor  
26 vehicle, watercraft or aircraft is stored.

27           (iv) The license of the individual to operate each  
28 motor vehicle, watercraft or aircraft, or other  
29 identification card, issued by the Commonwealth, another  
30 jurisdiction or a foreign country so that the

1 Pennsylvania State Police can fulfill its  
2 responsibilities under subsection (b) (7).

3 (13) The actual date of birth and purported date of  
4 birth of the individual.

5 (b) Provided by Pennsylvania State Police.--The Pennsylvania  
6 State Police shall ensure that the following information related  
7 to an individual who is required to register in accordance with  
8 section 2516(a) is also included in the database registry:

9 (1) A physical description of the individual, including  
10 a general physical description and tattoos, scars and other  
11 identifying marks.

12 (2) The text of the statute defining the criminal  
13 offense for which the individual is registered.

14 (3) The criminal history record information of the  
15 individual, including:

16 (i) Dates of arrests and convictions.

17 (ii) The status of probation, parole or supervised  
18 release.

19 (iii) Whether the individual is in compliance with  
20 requirements regarding this chapter or has absconded.

21 (iv) The existence of any outstanding warrants.

22 (4) A current photograph of the individual.

23 (5) A set of fingerprints and palm prints of the  
24 individual. The palm prints shall be taken for the purpose of  
25 submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Central  
26 Database and shall be submitted for entry into the database  
27 registry.

28 (6) A DNA sample of the individual. The DNA sample shall  
29 be taken for the purpose of analysis and entry into the  
30 Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and shall be analyzed and

1 submitted for entry into the database registry.

2 (7) A photocopy of the valid driver's license or  
3 identification card issued to the individual by the  
4 Commonwealth, another jurisdiction or a foreign country.

5 § 2519. Penalties.

6 An individual who is subject to registration under this  
7 chapter commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if the  
8 individual knowingly fails to:

9 (1) Register with the Pennsylvania State Police as  
10 required under this chapter.

11 (2) Verify the address of the individual or be  
12 photographed as required under this chapter.

13 (3) Provide accurate information when registering and  
14 periodically appearing in person as required under this  
15 chapter.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.