

Requesting New York State To Develop And Adopt Uniform Sexual Offenders Notification Procedures To Be Administered By A Law Enforcement Agency Serving Entire County

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Distel, Gregorius, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Aiello and Every) offers the following:

WHEREAS, under the current Sexual Offender Registration Act, passed in January 1996, the responsibility of notifying vulnerable populations of a sexual offender living in their jurisdiction was placed upon the local police departments, and

WHEREAS, the delegation of this responsibility to local police departments has caused an irregular and non-uniform notification process, and

WHEREAS, there is no unified process in New York State to notify New York State residents of sexual offenders in their area.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the New York State develop and adopt uniform sexual offenders notification procedures to be administered by a law enforcement agency serving the entire County, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event there is a cost associated with this State legislation, such cost shall not be a cost of the Counties or other localities, but shall be solely borne by the State, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Daniel L. Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso, Every and Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE
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