

SENATE, NO. 980

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

AN ACT REGULATING SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 178C of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Agency”, the following new
3 definition:-
4 “Electronic alias, address and domain”, any electronic mail, website registrations, messaging
5 and chat service aliases, websites and domains either personally owned and operated or
6 otherwise owned and operated by a third party with the purpose of displaying, soliciting or
7 otherwise posting information, entries and aliases associated with either web-based applications
8 and databases, or aliases used and/or stored on personal computers that may be transmitted for
9 use during any communication.

10 SECTION 2. Section 178D of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
11 Edition, is hereby amended in subparagraph (a) by inserting after the words “aliases used,” in
12 line 11 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains

13 SECTION 3. Section 178D of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
14 amended in the second paragraph by inserting after clause (i) in line 37 the following new
15 clause:-

16 (_) the offender’s electronic aliases, addresses and domains;

17 SECTION 4. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
18 amended by inserting after the words “the sex offender’s name,” in line 28 the following:- all
19 electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

20 SECTION 5. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
21 amended by inserting after the words “failure to do so” in line 56 the following:- , to give
22 notice of a change of electronic alias, address or domain, or the addition of an electronic alias,
23 address or domain and the penalties for failure to do so

24 SECTION 6. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
25 amended in paragraph (b) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line 66 the
26 following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

27 SECTION 7. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
28 amended in paragraph (c) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in lines 99-100
29 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

30 SECTION 8. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
31 amended in paragraph (g) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line 149 the
32 following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

33 SECTION 9. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further
34 amended in paragraph (h) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in lines 166-167
35 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

36 SECTION 10. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
37 further amended in paragraph (l) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in lines
38 212-223 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

39 SECTION 11. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
40 further amended in paragraph (o) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line 246
41 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

42 SECTION 12. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
43 further amended in paragraph (q) by inserting after the words “the student’s name,” in line 272
44 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

45 SECTION 13. Section 178F of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
46 further amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in
47 lines 6-7 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

48 SECTION 14. Section 178F of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
49 further amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in
50 line 17 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

51 SECTION 15. Section 178H of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
52 further amended in paragraph (a) by inserting after clause (iii) in line 3 the following new
53 clause:- (_) fails to give notice of a change of electronic alias, address or domain, or the
54 addition of an electronic alias, address or domain;

55 SECTION 16. Section 178J of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
56 further amended in clause (1) of paragraph (b) by inserting after the words “specific individual
57 by name” in line 26 the following:- , electronic alias, address or domain

58 SECTION 17. Section 178J of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
59 further amended in paragraph (c) by inserting after clause (1) the following new clause:-

60 (_) all electronic aliases, addresses and domains;

61 SECTION 18. Section 178K of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
62 further amended in subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) by inserting after clause (i) in line 148 the
63 following new clause:-

64 (_) all electronic aliases, addresses and domains;