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Short Title: Persistent D.V. Offender Registry. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pyrtle.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE A PERSISTENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER
3 REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article
6 to read:

7 "Article 8A.

8 "Persistent Domestic Violence Offender Registration Program.

9 **"§ 14-34.60. Definitions.**

10 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 11 (1) Bureau. – The State Bureau of Investigation.
12 (2) Conviction. – An adjudication of guilt or a plea of guilty or no contest. The
13 term does not include an adjudication of juvenile delinquency pursuant to
14 Subchapter II of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes.
15 (3) Domestic violence offense. – Any of the following:
16 a. A violation of G.S. 14-32.5, 14-32.6, 14-134.3, or 50B-4.1.
17 b. Any offense requiring the judge to indicate in the judgment of
18 conviction that the case involved domestic violence in accordance with
19 G.S. 15A-1382.1(a).
20 (4) Persistent domestic violence offender. – A person required to register as a
21 persistent domestic violence offender in accordance with this Article.
22 (5) Persistent domestic violence offender registry. – A registry of individuals
23 required to register as persistent domestic violence offenders in accordance
24 with this Article.
25 (6) Prior conviction of a domestic violence offense. – A domestic violence
26 offense conviction that occurred before the commission of the most recent
27 domestic violence offense. If a person was previously convicted of more than
28 one domestic violence offense in a single session of district court or in a single
29 week of superior court, only one of the convictions of a domestic violence
30 offense may be counted as a prior conviction of a domestic violence offense.

31 **"§ 14-34.61. Registration requirements; fees.**

32 (a) The court shall order a person to register as a persistent domestic violence offender
33 upon conviction of a domestic violence offense if the person has at least one prior conviction of
34 a domestic violence offense. A prior conviction of a domestic violence offense may be proved
35 by stipulation of the parties or by the original or a certified copy of the court record of the prior
36 conviction of a domestic violence offense.



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1 **(b)** A court order requiring a person to register as a persistent domestic violence offender
2 shall be in writing and shall state the expiration date of the registration requirement. Except as
3 provided in subsection (c) of this section, the expiration date of the registration requirement is as
4 follows:

5 **(1)** Two years after the date of the most recent conviction of a domestic violence
6 offense if the person required to register has one prior conviction of a domestic
7 violence offense.

8 **(2)** Five years after the date of the most recent conviction of a domestic violence
9 offense if the person required to register has two prior convictions of a
10 domestic violence offense.

11 **(3)** Ten years after the date of the most recent conviction of a domestic violence
12 offense if the person required to register has three or more prior convictions
13 of a domestic violence offense.

14 **(c)** If a domestic violence offense conviction is reversed, vacated, or set aside, or if the
15 person has been granted an unconditional pardon of innocence for a domestic violence offense
16 conviction, the court that previously ordered registration shall issue an order determining the
17 expiration date of the registration requirement in accordance with subsection (b) of this section
18 without consideration of the domestic violence offense conviction that was reversed, vacated, set
19 aside, or pardoned. If a person would no longer be required to register as a persistent domestic
20 violence offender after the reversal, vacatur, setting aside, or pardon of a domestic violence
21 offense conviction, the court shall order the registration requirement discontinued.

22 **(d)** Within seven calendar days of a court order requiring a person to register as a
23 persistent domestic violence offender, the clerk of superior court shall send the following to the
24 Bureau:

25 **(1)** A certified copy of the order requiring the person to register as a persistent
26 domestic violence offender.

27 **(2)** The person's date of birth, a current photograph of the person, and a copy of
28 the person's drivers license or other State or federal identification
29 documentation, if that information is available to the clerk of superior court.

30 **(e)** In addition to any other punishment that may be imposed for a conviction of a
31 domestic violence offense, the court shall order any person required to register under this Article
32 to pay a registration fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the clerk of superior court. The
33 fee is payable to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The clerk of superior court shall remit
34 one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the fee to the Bureau for the costs of compiling and maintaining
35 the persistent domestic violence offender registry. The remaining fifty dollars (\$50.00) of the fee
36 shall be retained by the Administrative Office of the Courts to be used for the costs of providing
37 records to the Bureau under this section.

38 **"§ 14-34.62. State Bureau of Investigation designated custodian of persistent domestic**
39 **violence offender registry.**

40 **(a)** The Bureau shall compile and maintain the persistent domestic violence offender
41 registry. As custodian of the registry, the Bureau has the following responsibilities:

42 **(1)** To receive from the clerks of superior court all information and documentation
43 sent to the Bureau pursuant to G.S. 14-34.61.

44 **(2)** To make the registry available for public inquiry on the internet in accordance
45 with this section.

46 **(3)** To remove from the registry the names and identifying information of
47 persistent domestic violence offenders upon expiration of the registration
48 requirement or order of the court in accordance with G.S. 14-34.61.

49 **(4)** To include the registration information in the Criminal Information Network
50 as set forth in G.S. 143B-905.

1 (b) The registry shall consist only of the persistent domestic violence offender's name,
2 date of birth, domestic violence offense conviction date, county of conviction, and a current
3 photograph of the persistent domestic violence offender.

4 (c) The Bureau may use a persistent domestic violence offender's address, social security
5 number, drivers license number, or any other State or federal identification documentation for
6 identity verification. However, the identifying information listed in this subsection shall not be
7 published on the registry."

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses
9 committed on or after that date; provided, however, that a prior conviction of a domestic violence
10 offense need not occur on or after December 1, 2026.