

Senate File 2021 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the sex offender registry including duration
2 of registration, photograph requirements, and modifications.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 692A.106, subsection 5, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. A sex offender convicted of any subsequent sex offense,
4 including any expunged convictions, upon a second or subsequent
5 conviction that requires a second registration, upon conviction
6 of an aggravated offense, or if the sex offender has previously
7 been convicted of one or more offenses that would have required
8 registration under this chapter who is already required to
9 register as a sex offender, shall be required to register for
10 life and shall not be eligible to apply for removal from the sex
11 offender registry.

12 Sec. 2. Section 692A.108, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 4. A photograph of the sex offender shall be updated, at
15 a minimum, annually. Photographs shall be taken with the sex
16 offender fully facing the camera with eyes open. Any photographs
17 displaying distortions, glare, or blurring shall be retaken. The
18 sheriff shall send the updated photograph to the department using
19 procedures established by the department by rule within five
20 business days of the photograph being taken and the department
21 shall post the updated photograph on the sex offender registry's
22 internet site. The sheriff may require the sex offender to
23 submit to being photographed, fingerprinted, or palm printed,
24 more than once per year during any required appearance to verify
25 relevant information.

26 Sec. 3. Section 692A.128, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
27 by adding the following new paragraph:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The sex offender has no history of
29 recidivism involving a sex offense including previously expunged
30 convictions.

31 Sec. 4. Section 692A.128, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended
32 by adding the following new paragraph:

33 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. The sex offender has no history of
34 recidivism involving a sex offense including previously expunged
35 convictions.

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EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill relates to the sex offender registry including duration of registration, photograph requirements, and modifications.

The bill provides that a sex offender convicted of any subsequent sex offense, including any expunged convictions, who is already required to register as a sex offender shall be required to register for life and shall not be eligible to apply for removal from the sex offender registry.

The bill provides that photographs of a sex offender shall be updated, at a minimum, annually, and photographs must be taken with the sex offender fully facing the camera with eyes open. Any photographs displaying distortions, glare, or blurring must be retaken.

The bill provides that a sex offender with a history of recidivism involving sex offenses, including previously expunged convictions, is not eligible for a modification of the offender's registration requirements.

