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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to career offender registration; amending s. 322.141, F.S.; requiring a certain driver license or identification marking for a career offender; requiring a career offender to report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in a certain month to obtain an updated or renewed driver license or identification card; amending s. 775.261, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; providing that if a sanction is not imposed upon a career offender, such offender is deemed to have been released upon conviction; requiring a career offender to report in person at the sheriff's office for initial registration; revising the time of such report; revising information and documentation required upon initial registration; specifying that information and documents are provided to the Department of Law Enforcement through the sheriff's office; specifying the manner in which changes to a career offender's information must be reported; requiring certain career offenders to report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and obtain a driver license or identification card containing a required marking within a certain period of time; revising the information and documentation

26 certain career offenders must provide to the  
27 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles when  
28 reporting; requiring a career offender to report  
29 changes to any information provided upon initial  
30 registration within certain periods of time; requiring  
31 the custodian of a jail to notify the Department of  
32 Law Enforcement within a certain period of time if  
33 such custodian has a career offender in his or her  
34 custody and upon release of such offender; requiring  
35 such custodian to take a digitized photograph of the  
36 career offender and provide it to the Department of  
37 Law Enforcement; requiring the custodian to notify the  
38 Department of Law Enforcement if a career offender  
39 escapes or dies; removing a provision relating to the  
40 registration of a career offender at an office of the  
41 Department of Law Enforcement; specifying the  
42 procedure for a career offender to establish a  
43 residence after initial registration; requiring the  
44 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
45 forward photographs and certain information to the  
46 Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of  
47 Corrections; authorizing the Department of Highway  
48 Safety and Motor Vehicles to release certain images to  
49 the Department of Law Enforcement for purposes of  
50 public notification; requiring that certain career

51 offenders report changes to certain information to the  
52 sheriff's office within a certain period of time;  
53 requiring a career offender to report an in-state  
54 travel residence within a certain period of time;  
55 requiring a career offender who vacates a residence  
56 and does not establish another residence to report  
57 certain information in person within a certain period  
58 of time; requiring a career offender who remains at an  
59 address that such offender previously reported he or  
60 she was vacating to report such information in person  
61 within a certain period of time; requiring the  
62 sheriff's office to report such information to the  
63 Department of Law Enforcement; revising procedures for  
64 establishing a residence outside this state; requiring  
65 a career offender to report previously unknown travel  
66 in person to the sheriff's office as soon as possible  
67 before departure; revising the entities to which the  
68 career offender must provide certain residence  
69 information; requiring annual reregistration of career  
70 offenders during a certain month; specifying  
71 information that a career offender must provide upon  
72 reregistration; requiring certain governmental  
73 entities to verify certain career offender information  
74 at least once per year; requiring local law  
75 enforcement agencies to report to the Department of

76 Law Enforcement failure by a career offender to comply  
77 with registration requirements; providing that certain  
78 career offenders shall be considered for removal of  
79 registration requirements in certain circumstances;  
80 revising the location in which a career offender may  
81 petition for removal; requiring notice to the  
82 Department of Law Enforcement of such petition within  
83 a certain time period; authorizing the Department of  
84 Law Enforcement to present evidence in opposition to  
85 removal; revising the circumstances in which a sheriff  
86 or chief of police may notify the community of the  
87 presence of a career offender; prohibiting the  
88 Department of Law Enforcement from publicly displaying  
89 information about a vehicle owned by a person who is  
90 not required to register as a career offender;  
91 revising the manner in which career offender addresses  
92 are verified and reported by law enforcement agencies;  
93 expanding information of which a failure to report can  
94 result in a criminal offense; providing that a career  
95 offender commits a separate offense for each failure  
96 to register or report a piece of information;  
97 expanding the jurisdictions in which a career offender  
98 may be prosecuted for an act or omission; specifying  
99 what events constitute actual notice of the duty to  
100 register; providing that the failure to immediately

101 register upon the occurrence of such events is grounds  
102 for a subsequent charge of failure to register;  
103 restricting a career offender from claiming a lack of  
104 notice as a defense in certain circumstances;  
105 enhancing the penalty for assisting in career offender  
106 noncompliance; amending s. 944.608, F.S.; providing  
107 definitions; requiring certain career offenders under  
108 the supervision of the Department of Corrections to  
109 provide certain information after sentencing;  
110 requiring the Department of Corrections to report to  
111 the Department of Law Enforcement any failure of a  
112 career offender to comply with registration  
113 requirements; requiring a career offender to report to  
114 the sheriff's office any vehicle changes within a  
115 certain period of time; revising the information the  
116 Department of Corrections is required to provide to  
117 the Department of Law Enforcement relating to career  
118 offenders; requiring the custodian of a jail to notify  
119 the Department of Law Enforcement within a certain  
120 period of time if such custodian has a career offender  
121 in his or her custody and upon release of such  
122 offender; requiring such custodian to take a digitized  
123 photograph of the career offender and provide it to  
124 the Department of Law Enforcement; providing that a  
125 federal agency responsible for supervising a career

126       offender may forward certain information about the  
127       offender to the Department of Law Enforcement;  
128       providing that such federal agency may indicate  
129       whether use of the information is restricted to law  
130       enforcement purposes only or may be used for purposes  
131       of public notification; requiring a certain driver  
132       license or identification marking for a career  
133       offender who is under supervision but is not  
134       incarcerated; expanding the jurisdictions in which a  
135       career offender may be prosecuted for an act or  
136       omission; specifying what events constitute actual  
137       notice of the duty to register; providing that the  
138       failure to immediately register upon the occurrence of  
139       such events is grounds for a subsequent charge of  
140       failure to register; restricting a career offender  
141       from claiming a lack of notice as a defense in certain  
142       circumstances; creating offenses and penalties for  
143       assisting in career offender noncompliance with  
144       provisions relating to notification of the Department  
145       of Law Enforcement; specifying that such offenses and  
146       penalties do not apply if a career offender is  
147       incarcerated in or is in the custody of certain  
148       facilities; requiring annual reregistration of career  
149       offenders during a certain month; specifying  
150       information that a career offender must provide upon

151       reregistration; amending s. 944.609, F.S.; providing  
152       definitions; providing legislative findings;  
153       specifying information the Department of Corrections  
154       must provide upon release of a career offender within  
155       a certain period of time; requiring the Department of  
156       Corrections or any law enforcement agency to notify  
157       the community of the presence of a sexual predator in  
158       the community when a career offender who is also  
159       designated as a sexual predator is in such community;  
160       providing an effective date.

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162       Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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164       **Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 322.141, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

166       322.141 Color or markings of certain licenses or  
167       identification cards.—

168       (3) All licenses for the operation of motor vehicles or  
169       identification cards originally issued or reissued by the  
170       department to persons who are designated as sexual predators  
171       under s. 775.21 or subject to registration as sexual offenders  
172       under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607, or who have a similar  
173       designation or are subject to a similar registration under the  
174       laws of another jurisdiction, or who are designated as career  
175       offenders under s. 775.261 or s. 944.608, shall have on the

176 front of the license or identification card the following:

177 (a) For a person designated as a sexual predator under s.

178 775.21 or who has a similar designation under the laws of  
179 another jurisdiction, the marking "SEXUAL PREDATOR."

180 (b) For a person subject to registration as a sexual  
181 offender under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607, or subject to a  
182 similar registration under the laws of another jurisdiction, the  
183 marking "943.0435, F.S."

184 (c) For a person designated as a career offender under s.  
185 775.261 or s. 944.608, the marking "775.261, F.S."

186 (4) (a) Unless previously secured or updated, each sexual  
187 offender and sexual predator shall report to the department  
188 during the month of his or her reregistration as required under  
189 s. 775.21(8), s. 943.0435(14), or s. 944.607(13) in order to  
190 obtain an updated or renewed driver license or identification  
191 card as required by subsection (3).

192 (b) Unless previously secured or updated as required by  
193 subsection (3), each career offender shall report to the  
194 department during the month of his or her birth in order to  
195 obtain an updated or renewed driver license or identification  
196 card as required by subsection (3).

197 **Section 2. Section 775.261, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
198 **to read:**

199 775.261 The Florida Career Offender Registration Act.—

200 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as "The Florida

201 Career Offender Registration Act."

202 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

203 (a) "Career offender" means any person who is designated  
204 as a habitual violent felony offender, a violent career  
205 criminal, or a three-time violent felony offender under s.

206 775.084 or as a prison releasee reoffender under s. 775.082(9).

207 (b) "Chief of police" means the chief law enforcement  
208 officer of a municipality.

209 (c) "Community" means any county where the career offender  
210 lives or otherwise establishes or maintains a permanent,  
211 temporary, or transient permanent residence.

212 (d) "Department" means the Department of Law Enforcement.

213 (e) "Entering the county" includes being discharged from a  
214 correctional facility, jail, or secure treatment facility within  
215 the county or being under supervision within the county with a  
216 career-offender designation as specified in paragraph (a).

217 (f) "Permanent residence" means a place where the career  
218 offender abides, lodges, or resides for 3 14 or more consecutive  
219 days that is the person's home or other place where the person  
220 primarily lives. For the purpose of calculating a permanent  
221 residence under this paragraph, the first day that a career  
222 offender abides, lodges, or resides at a place is excluded and  
223 each subsequent day is counted. A day includes any part of a  
224 calendar day.

225 (g) "Professional license" means the document of

226 authorization or certification issued by an agency of this state  
227 for a regulatory purpose, or by any similar agency in another  
228 jurisdiction for a regulatory purpose, to a person to engage in  
229 an occupation or to carry out a trade or business.

230 (h)1. ~~(g)~~ "Temporary residence" means:

231 1. a place where the career offender abides, lodges, or  
232 resides, including, but not limited to, vacation, business, or  
233 personal travel destinations in or out of this state, for 3 a  
234 period of 14 or more days in the aggregate during any calendar  
235 year that and which is not the person's career offender's  
236 permanent or transient residence. The term includes an in-state  
237 travel residence. address;

238 2. For a career offender whose permanent residence is not  
239 in this state, the term also includes a place where the career  
240 offender is employed, practices a vocation, or is enrolled as a  
241 student for any period of time in this state. For the purpose of  
242 calculating a temporary residence under this paragraph, the  
243 first day that a career offender abides, lodges, or resides at a  
244 place is excluded and each subsequent day is counted. A day  
245 includes any part of a calendar day. ; or

246 2. The term includes an "in-state travel residence," which  
247 means a temporary residence in this state established by a  
248 person who already has an existing permanent, temporary, or  
249 transient residence in this state.

250 3. ~~A place where the career offender routinely abides,~~

251 ~~lodges, or resides for a period of 4 or more consecutive or~~  
252 ~~noneconsecutive days in any month and which is not the career~~  
253 ~~offender's permanent residence, including any out-of-state~~  
254 ~~address.~~

255 (i) "Transient residence" means a county where the career  
256 offender lives, remains, or is located for the purpose of  
257 abiding, lodging, or residing for a period of 3 or more days in  
258 the aggregate during a calendar year that is not the person's  
259 permanent or temporary residence. The term includes, but is not  
260 limited to, a place where the career offender sleeps or seeks  
261 shelter and a location that has no specific street address. For  
262 the purpose of calculating a transient residence under this  
263 paragraph, the first day that a career offender lives, remains,  
264 or is located in a county for the purpose of abiding, lodging,  
265 or residing is excluded and each subsequent day is counted. A  
266 day includes any part of a calendar day.

267 (j) "Vehicles owned" means any motor vehicle as defined in  
268 s. 320.01 which is registered, coregistered, leased, titled, or  
269 rented by a career offender; a rented vehicle that a career  
270 offender is authorized to drive; or a vehicle for which a career  
271 offender is insured as a driver. The term also includes any  
272 motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01 which is registered,  
273 coregistered, leased, titled, or rented by a person or persons  
274 residing at a career offender's permanent residence for 5 or  
275 more consecutive days.

## 276 (3) CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION AS A CAREER OFFENDER.—

277 (a) A career offender released on or after July 1, 2002,  
278 from a sanction imposed in this state must register as required  
279 under this section ~~subsection~~ (4) and is subject to community  
280 and public notification as provided under subsection (11) ~~(5)~~.  
281 If no sanction is imposed, the person is deemed to be released  
282 upon conviction. For purposes of this section, a sanction  
283 imposed in this state means ~~includes~~, but is not limited to, a  
284 ~~fine~~, probation, community control, parole, conditional release,  
285 control release, or incarceration in a state prison, federal  
286 prison, contractor-operated correctional facility, or local  
287 detention facility, and:

288 1. The career offender has not received a pardon for any  
289 felony or other qualified offense that is necessary for the  
290 operation of this paragraph; or

291 2. A conviction of a felony or other qualified offense  
292 necessary to the operation of this paragraph has not been set  
293 aside in any postconviction proceeding.

294 (b) This section does not apply to any person who has been  
295 designated as a sexual predator and who is required to register  
296 under s. 775.21 or who is required to register as a sexual  
297 offender under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607. However, if a person  
298 is no longer required to register as a sexual predator under s.  
299 775.21 or as a sexual offender under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607,  
300 the person must register as a career offender under this section

301 if the person is otherwise designated as a career offender as  
302 provided in this section.

303 (c) A person subject to registration as a career offender  
304 is not subject to registration as a convicted felon under s.  
305 775.13. However, if the person is no longer required to register  
306 as a career offender under this section, the person must  
307 register under s. 775.13 if required to do so under that  
308 section.

309 (d) If a career offender is not sentenced to a term of  
310 imprisonment, the clerk of the court shall ensure that the  
311 career offender's fingerprints are taken and forwarded to the  
312 department within 48 hours after the court renders its finding  
313 that an offender is a career offender. The fingerprints shall be  
314 clearly marked, "Career Offender Registration."

315 (4) INITIAL REGISTRATION.—Upon initial registration, a  
316 career offender shall:

317 (a) Report in person at A career offender must register  
318 with the department by providing the following information to  
319 the department, or to the sheriff's office:

320 1. In the county in which the career offender establishes  
321 or maintains a permanent, or temporary, or transient residence,  
322 within 48 hours ~~2 working days~~ after:

323 a. Establishing a permanent, or temporary, or transient  
324 residence in this state; or

325 b. ~~Within 2 working days after~~ Being released from the

326 custody, control, or supervision of the Department of  
327 Corrections or from the custody of a contractor-operated  
328 correctional facility or local detention facility; or  
329 2. In the county where he or she was convicted within 48  
330 hours after being convicted for a qualifying offense for  
331 registration under this section if the offender is not in the  
332 custody or control of, or under the supervision of, the  
333 Department of Corrections, or is not in the custody of a  
334 contractor-operated correctional facility or local detention  
335 facility.

336 (b)1. Provide his or her name; social security number;  
337 age, race; sex; gender, date of birth;  
338 height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other identifying marks; fingerprints;  
339 palm prints; photograph; employment information, including  
340 occupation, business name, employment address, and telephone  
341 number; address of permanent or legal residence and address of  
342 any current temporary residence, within the state or out of  
343 state, including a rural route address and a post office box;  
344 if he or she has no permanent or temporary address, any  
345 transient residence within this state; address, location or  
346 description, and dates of any current or known future temporary  
347 residence within this state or out of state; the make, model,  
348 color, vehicle identification number (VIN), and license tag  
349 number of all vehicles owned; all home telephone numbers and  
350 cellular telephone numbers; date and place of any employment,

351 date and place of each conviction; ~~, fingerprints~~, and a brief  
352 description of the crime or crimes committed by the career  
353 offender. A ~~career offender may not provide~~ a post office box  
354 may not be provided in lieu of a physical residential address.  
355 The career offender shall also produce his or her passport, if  
356 he or she has a passport, and, if he or she is an alien, shall  
357 produce or provide information about documents establishing his  
358 or her immigration status. The career offender shall also  
359 provide information about any professional licenses he or she  
360 has.

361 2. If the career offender's place of residence is a motor  
362 vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or manufactured home, as those  
363 terms are defined in chapter 320, the career offender shall also  
364 provide to the department through the sheriff's office written  
365 notice of the vehicle identification number (VIN); the license  
366 tag number; the registration number; and a description,  
367 including color scheme, of the motor vehicle, trailer, mobile  
368 home, or manufactured home. If a career offender's place of  
369 residence is a vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat, as  
370 those terms are defined in chapter 327, the career offender  
371 shall also provide to the department through the sheriff's  
372 office written notice of the hull identification number; the  
373 manufacturer's serial number; the name of the vessel, live-  
374 aboard vessel, or houseboat; the registration number of the  
375 vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat; and a description,

376 including color scheme, of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or  
377 houseboat.

378 3. Any change in any of the information required to be  
379 provided pursuant to this paragraph, including, but not limited  
380 to, any change in the career offender's permanent, temporary, or  
381 transient residence; name; home telephone numbers and cellular  
382 telephone numbers; employment information; and vehicles owned  
383 after the career offender reports in person at the sheriff's  
384 office must be reported in the manner provided in subsections  
385 (5)-(8).

386 (c)2. Provide any other information determined necessary  
387 by the department, including criminal and corrections records;  
388 nonprivileged personnel and treatment records; and evidentiary  
389 genetic markers, when available. When

390 (b) If a career offender registers with the sheriff's  
391 office, the sheriff shall take a photograph, and a set of  
392 fingerprints, and palm prints of the career offender and forward  
393 the photographs, and fingerprints, and palm prints to the  
394 department, along with the information that the career offender  
395 is required to provide pursuant to this section. The sheriff  
396 shall promptly provide to the department the information  
397 received from the career offender.

398 (d)-(e) Within 48 hours 2 working days after the report  
399 registration required under this subsection paragraph (a), a  
400 career offender who is not incarcerated and who resides in the

401 community, including a career offender under the supervision of  
402 the Department of Corrections pursuant to s. 944.608, shall  
403 ~~report register~~ in person at a driver license office of the  
404 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, unless a driver  
405 license or identification card that complies with s. 322.141(3)  
406 was previously secured or updated under s. 944.608 and shall  
407 ~~present proof of registration~~. At the driver license office, the  
408 career offender shall:

409 1. If otherwise qualified, secure a Florida driver  
410 license, renew a Florida driver license, or secure an  
411 identification card. The career offender shall identify himself  
412 or herself as a career offender who is required to comply with  
413 this section and shall provide proof that the career offender  
414 reported as required in this subsection. The career offender  
415 shall provide any of the information specified in this  
416 subsection, if requested. The career offender shall submit to  
417 the taking of a photograph for use in issuing a driver license,  
418 renewed license, or identification card, and for use by the  
419 department in maintaining current records of career offenders,  
420 ~~provide his or her place of permanent or temporary residence,~~  
421 ~~including a rural route address or a post office box, and submit~~  
422 ~~to the taking of a photograph for use in issuing a driver~~  
423 ~~license, renewed license, or identification card, and for use by~~  
424 ~~the department in maintaining current records of career~~  
425 ~~offenders. The career offender may not provide a post office box~~

426 ~~in lieu of a physical residential address. If the career~~  
427 ~~offender's place of residence is a motor vehicle, trailer,~~  
428 ~~mobile home, or manufactured home, as defined in chapter 320,~~  
429 ~~the career offender shall also provide to the Department of~~  
430 ~~Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles the vehicle identification~~  
431 ~~number; the license tag number; the motor vehicle registration~~  
432 ~~number; and a description, including color scheme, of the motor~~  
433 ~~vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or manufactured home. If a career~~  
434 ~~offender's place of residence is a vessel, live-aboard vessel,~~  
435 ~~or houseboat, as defined in chapter 327, the career offender~~  
436 ~~shall also provide to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor~~  
437 ~~Vehicles the hull identification number; the manufacturer's~~  
438 ~~serial number; the name of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or~~  
439 ~~houseboat; the registration number; and a description, including~~  
440 ~~color scheme, of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat.~~

441 2. Pay the costs assessed by the Department of Highway  
442 Safety and Motor Vehicles for issuing or renewing a driver  
443 license or identification card as required by this section. The  
444 driver license or identification card issued must be in  
445 compliance with s. 322.141(3).

446 3. Provide, upon request, any additional information  
447 necessary to confirm the identity of the career offender,  
448 including a set of fingerprints.

449 (5) MAINTAINING REGISTRATION.—

450 (a) (d) Each time a career offender's driver license or

451 identification card is subject to renewal, and, without regard  
452 to the status of the career offender's driver license or  
453 identification card, within 48 hours 2 working days after any  
454 change of the career offender's residence or change in the  
455 career offender's name by reason of marriage or other legal  
456 process, the career offender must report in person to a driver  
457 license office, and shall be subject to the requirements  
458 specified in paragraph (4)(d) (e). The Department of Highway  
459 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall forward to the department and to  
460 the Department of Corrections all photographs and information  
461 provided by career offenders. Notwithstanding the restrictions  
462 set forth in s. 322.142, the Department of Highway Safety and  
463 Motor Vehicles may release a reproduction of a color-photograph  
464 or digital-image license to the department for purposes of  
465 public notification of career offenders as provided in this  
466 section and ss. 775.26 and 944.609. A career offender who is  
467 unable to secure or update a driver license or an identification  
468 card with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as  
469 provided in paragraph (4)(d) and this subsection shall report  
470 any change in the career offender's name by reason of marriage  
471 or other legal process within 48 hours after the change in  
472 person to the sheriff's office in the county where the career  
473 offender resides or is located. The reporting requirements under  
474 this paragraph do not negate the requirement for a career  
475 offender to obtain a Florida driver license or an identification

476 card as required in this section.

477 (b) A career offender shall report in person to the  
478 sheriff's office within 48 hours after any change in vehicles  
479 owned to report those vehicle information changes.

480 (c) A career offender shall register all changes to home  
481 telephone numbers and cellular telephone numbers, including  
482 added and deleted numbers, and all changes to employment  
483 information, including the creation of a new business if self-  
484 employed, in person at the sheriff's office, or in person at the  
485 Department of Corrections if the career offender is in the  
486 custody or control, or under the supervision, of the Department  
487 of Corrections. All changes required to be reported under this  
488 paragraph must be reported within 48 hours after the change.

489 (d) If the career offender is in the custody of a local  
490 jail, the custodian of the local jail shall notify the  
491 department within 3 business days after intake of the career  
492 offender for any reason and upon release. The custodian of the  
493 local jail shall also take a digitized photograph of the career  
494 offender while the career offender remains in custody and shall  
495 provide the digitized photograph to the department. The  
496 custodian shall notify the department if the career offender  
497 escapes from custody or dies.

498 (6) ESTABLISHING A RESIDENCE WITHIN THIS STATE AFTER  
499 INITIAL REGISTRATION.—

500 (a) Each time a career offender's driver license or

501 identification card is subject to renewal, and, without regard  
502 to the status of the career offender's driver license or  
503 identification card, within 48 hours after any change in the  
504 career offender's permanent, temporary, or transient residence,  
505 the career offender must report in person to a driver license  
506 office and shall be subject to the requirements specified in  
507 paragraph (4) (d). The Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
508 Vehicles shall forward to the department and to the Department  
509 of Corrections all photographs and information provided by  
510 career offenders. Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in  
511 s. 322.142, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
512 may release a reproduction of a color-photograph or digital-  
513 image license to the department for purposes of public  
514 notification of career offenders as provided in this section and  
515 ss. 775.26 and 944.609. A career offender who is unable to  
516 secure or update a driver license or an identification card with  
517 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as provided  
518 in paragraph (4) (d) and this subsection shall report any change  
519 in the career offender's permanent, temporary, or transient  
520 residence within 48 hours after the change in person to the  
521 sheriff's office in the county where the career offender resides  
522 or is located. The reporting requirements under this paragraph  
523 do not negate the requirement for a career offender to obtain a  
524 Florida driver license or an identification card as required in  
525 this section. This paragraph does not apply to an in-state

526 travel residence.

527 (b) A career offender shall report an in-state travel  
528 residence within 48 hours after establishing the residence. The  
529 report shall be made in person at the sheriff's office in the  
530 county in which the career offender is located, or in person at  
531 the Department of Corrections if the career offender is in the  
532 custody or control, or under the supervision of, the Department  
533 of Corrections.

534 (c) A career offender who vacates a permanent, temporary,  
535 or transient residence and fails to establish or maintain  
536 another permanent, temporary, or transient residence shall,  
537 within 48 hours after vacating the permanent, temporary, or  
538 transient residence, report in person to the sheriff's office of  
539 the county in which he or she is located. The career offender  
540 shall specify the date upon which he or she intends to or did  
541 vacate such residence. The career offender must provide or  
542 update all of the registration information required under  
543 paragraph (4) (b). The career offender must provide an address  
544 for the residence or other place where he or she is or will be  
545 located during the time in which he or she fails to establish or  
546 maintain a permanent, temporary, or transient residence.

547 (d) A career offender who remains at a permanent,  
548 temporary, or transient residence after reporting his or her  
549 intent to vacate such residence shall, within 48 hours after the  
550 date upon which the career offender indicated he or she would or

551 did vacate such residence, report in person to the agency to  
552 which he or she reported pursuant to paragraph (c) for the  
553 purpose of reporting his or her address at such residence. When  
554 the sheriff receives the report, the sheriff shall promptly  
555 provide the information to the department. An offender who makes  
556 a report as required under paragraph (c) but fails to make a  
557 report as required under this paragraph commits a felony of the  
558 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
559 or s. 775.084.

560 (7) ESTABLISHING A NON-FLORIDA RESIDENCE.—

561 (e) ~~If the career offender registers at an office of the~~  
562 ~~department, the department must notify the sheriff and, if~~  
563 ~~applicable, the police chief of the municipality, where the~~  
564 ~~career offender maintains a residence within 48 hours after the~~  
565 ~~career offender registers with the department.~~

566 (a)-(f) A career offender who intends to establish a  
567 permanent, temporary, or transient residence in another state or  
568 jurisdiction other than the State of Florida shall report in  
569 person to the sheriff of the county of current residence at  
570 least 48 hours or the department within 2 working days before  
571 the date he or she intends to leave this state to establish  
572 residence in another state or jurisdiction other than the State  
573 of Florida. Any travel that is not known by the career offender  
574 48 hours before he or she intends to establish a residence in  
575 another state or jurisdiction must be reported in person to the

576        sheriff's office as soon as possible before departure. If the  
577        career offender is under the supervision of the Department of  
578        Corrections, the career offender shall notify the supervising  
579        probation officer of his or her intent to transfer supervision,  
580        satisfy all transfer requirements pursuant to the Interstate  
581        Compact for Supervision of Adult Offenders, as provided in s.  
582        949.07, and abide by the decision of the receiving jurisdiction  
583        to accept or deny transfer. The career offender must provide to  
584        the sheriff ~~or department~~ the address, municipality, county, and  
585        state or jurisdiction of intended residence. The sheriff shall  
586        promptly provide to the department the information received from  
587        the career offender. The failure of a career offender to provide  
588        his or her intended place of residence is punishable as provided  
589        in subsection (13) (8).

590        (b) (g) A career offender who indicates his or her intent  
591        to establish a permanent, temporary, or transient residence  
592        ~~reside in another~~ a state or jurisdiction other than the State  
593        of Florida and later decides to remain in this state shall,  
594        within 48 hours ~~2 working days~~ after the date upon which the  
595        career offender indicated he or she would leave this state,  
596        report in person to the sheriff's office ~~sheriff or the~~  
597        ~~department, whichever agency is the agency~~ to which the career  
598        offender reported the intended change of permanent, temporary,  
599        or transient residence and report, of his or her intent to  
600        remain in this state. ~~If the sheriff is notified by the career~~

601 offender that he or she intends to remain in this state, The  
602 sheriff shall promptly report this information to the  
603 department. A career offender who reports his or her intent to  
604 establish a permanent, temporary, or transient residence ~~reside~~  
605 in another a state or jurisdiction other than the State of  
606 Florida, but who remains in this state without reporting to the  
607 sheriff ~~or the department~~ in the manner required by this  
608 paragraph, commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as  
609 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

610 (8) ANNUAL REREGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—

611 (a) A career offender must report in person each year  
612 during the month of the career offender's birthday to the  
613 sheriff's office in the county in which he or she maintains a  
614 permanent, temporary, or transient residence or is otherwise  
615 located to reregister.

616 (b) The sheriff's office may determine the appropriate  
617 times and days for reporting by the career offender, which must  
618 be consistent with the reporting requirements of this  
619 subsection. Reregistration must include any changes to the  
620 following information:

621 1. Name; social security number; race; sex; date of birth;  
622 height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other identifying  
623 marks; fingerprints; palm prints; photograph; employment  
624 information, including occupation, business name, employment  
625 address, and telephone number; address of permanent residence

626 and address of any current temporary residence, within the state  
627 or out of state, including a rural route address and a post  
628 office box; if he or she has no permanent or temporary address,  
629 any transient residence within this state; address, location or  
630 description, and dates of any current or known future temporary  
631 residence within the state or out of state; the make, model,  
632 color, vehicle identification number (VIN), and license tag  
633 number of all vehicles owned; and all home telephone numbers and  
634 cellular telephone numbers. A post office box may not be  
635 provided in lieu of a physical residential address. The career  
636 offender shall also produce his or her passport, if he or she  
637 has a passport, and, if he or she is an alien, shall produce or  
638 provide information about documents establishing his or her  
639 immigration status. The career offender shall also provide  
640 information about any professional licenses he or she has.

641 2. If the career offender's place of residence is a motor  
642 vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or manufactured home, as those  
643 terms are defined in chapter 320, the career offender shall also  
644 provide the vehicle identification number (VIN); the license tag  
645 number; the registration number; and a description, including  
646 color scheme, of the motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or  
647 manufactured home. If the career offender's place of residence  
648 is a vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat, as those terms  
649 are defined in chapter 327, the career offender shall also  
650 provide the hull identification number; the manufacturer's

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651 serial number; the name of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or  
652 houseboat; the registration number of the vessel, live-aboard  
653 vessel, or houseboat; and a description, including color scheme,  
654 of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat.

655 (c) The sheriff's office shall electronically submit to  
656 and update with the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
657 department, all such information provided by the career offender  
658 within 2 business days after the career offender provides it to  
659 the sheriff's office.

660 (9) VERIFICATION.—County and local law enforcement  
661 agencies, in conjunction with the department, shall verify the  
662 addresses of career offenders who are not under the care,  
663 custody, control, or supervision of the Department of  
664 Corrections at least one time per calendar year, and may verify  
665 the addresses of career offenders who are under the care,  
666 custody, control, or supervision of the Department of  
667 Corrections. Local law enforcement agencies shall report to the  
668 department any failure by a career offender to comply with  
669 registration requirements.

670 ~~(h)1. The department shall maintain online computer access~~  
671 ~~to the current information regarding each registered career~~  
672 ~~offender. The department must maintain hotline access so that~~  
673 ~~state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies may obtain~~  
674 ~~instantaneous locator file and criminal characteristics~~  
675 ~~information on release and registration of career offenders for~~

676 purposes of monitoring, tracking, and prosecution. The  
677 photograph and fingerprints need not be stored in a computerized  
678 format.

679 2. The department's career offender registration list,  
680 containing the information described in subparagraph (a)1., is a  
681 public record. The department may disseminate this public  
682 information by any means deemed appropriate, including operating  
683 a toll-free telephone number for this purpose. When the  
684 department provides information regarding a career offender to  
685 the public, department personnel must advise the person making  
686 the inquiry that positive identification of a person believed to  
687 be a career offender cannot be established unless a fingerprint  
688 comparison is made, and that it is illegal to use public  
689 information regarding a career offender to facilitate the  
690 commission of a crime.

691 3. The department shall adopt guidelines as necessary  
692 regarding the registration of a career offender and the  
693 dissemination of information regarding a career offender as  
694 required by this section.

695 (10) (i) RELIEF FROM REGISTRATION.—A career offender must  
696 maintain registration with the department for the duration of  
697 his or her life, unless the career offender has received a full  
698 pardon or has had a conviction set aside in a postconviction  
699 proceeding for any offense or offenses that meet meets the  
700 criteria for classifying the person as a career offender for

701 purposes of registration. However, a ~~registered~~ career offender  
702 shall be considered for removal of the requirement to register  
703 as a career offender only if he or she ~~who~~ has been lawfully  
704 released from confinement, supervision, or sanction, whichever  
705 is later, for at least 20 years and has not been arrested for  
706 any felony or misdemeanor offense since release.

707 (a) If the career offender meets the criteria in this  
708 subsection, the career offender may, for the purpose of removing  
709 the requirement for registration as a career offender, petition  
710 the criminal division of the circuit court of the circuit in  
711 which the ~~registered~~ career offender designation initially  
712 occurred resides for the purpose of removing the requirement for  
713 registration as a career offender.

714 (b) The court may grant or deny such relief if the  
715 ~~registered~~ career offender demonstrates to the court that he or  
716 she has not been arrested for any crime since release and the  
717 court is otherwise satisfied that the ~~registered~~ career offender  
718 is not a current or potential threat to public safety. The  
719 department and the state attorney in the circuit in which the  
720 petition is filed must be given notice of the petition at least  
721 3 weeks before the hearing on the matter. The department and the  
722 state attorney may present evidence in opposition to the  
723 requested relief or may otherwise demonstrate the reasons why  
724 the petition should be denied. If the court denies the petition,  
725 the court may set a future date at which the ~~registered~~ career

726 offender may again petition the court for relief, subject to the  
727 standards for relief provided in this subsection paragraph.

728 (c) The department shall remove a person from  
729 classification as a career offender for purposes of registration  
730 if the person provides to the department a certified copy of the  
731 court's written findings or order that indicates that the person  
732 is no longer required to comply with the requirements for  
733 registration as a career offender.

734 (11) ~~(5)~~ COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—

735 (a) Law enforcement agencies may inform the community and  
736 the public of the presence of a career offender in the  
737 community. Upon notification of the presence of a career  
738 offender, the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of  
739 the municipality where the career offender establishes or  
740 maintains a permanent, ~~or~~ temporary, ~~or~~ transient residence may  
741 notify the community and the public of the presence of the  
742 career offender in a manner deemed appropriate by the sheriff or  
743 the chief of police.

744 (b) The sheriff or the police chief may coordinate the  
745 community and public notification efforts with the department.  
746 Statewide notification to the public is authorized, as deemed  
747 appropriate by local law enforcement personnel and the  
748 department.

749 (c) 1. The department is responsible for the online  
750 maintenance of the current information regarding each career

751 offender. The department must maintain hotline access for state,  
752 local, and federal law enforcement agencies to obtain  
753 instantaneous locator file and criminal characteristics  
754 information on release and registration of career offenders for  
755 the purposes of monitoring, tracking, and prosecution. The  
756 photograph and fingerprints need not be stored in a computerized  
757 format.

758 2. The department's career offender registration list is a  
759 public record. The department may disseminate this public  
760 information by any means deemed appropriate, including operating  
761 a toll-free telephone number for this purpose. When the  
762 department provides information regarding a career offender to  
763 the public, department personnel must advise the person making  
764 the inquiry that positive identification of a person believed to  
765 be a career offender cannot be established unless a fingerprint  
766 comparison is made, and that it is illegal to use public  
767 information regarding a career offender to facilitate the  
768 commission of a crime.

769 3. The department shall adopt guidelines as necessary  
770 regarding the registration of a career offender and the  
771 dissemination of information regarding a career offender as  
772 required by this section. However, the department may not  
773 display on or disseminate through the Internet public registry  
774 maintained by the department any information regarding a vehicle  
775 that is owned by a person who is not required to register as a

776 career offender.

777 (6) ~~VERIFICATION. The department and the Department of~~  
778 ~~Corrections shall implement a system for verifying the addresses~~  
779 ~~of career offenders. The sheriff of each county shall annually~~  
780 ~~verify the addresses of career offenders who are not under the~~  
781 ~~care, custody, control, or supervision of the Department of~~  
782 ~~Corrections. The sheriff shall promptly provide the address~~  
783 ~~verification information to the department in an electronic~~  
784 ~~format. The address verification information must include the~~  
785 ~~verifying person's name, agency, and phone number, the date of~~  
786 ~~verification, and the method of verification, and must specify~~  
787 ~~whether the address information was verified as correct,~~  
788 ~~incorrect, or unconfirmed.~~

789 (12) ~~(7) IMMUNITY.—The department, the Department of~~  
790 ~~Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of~~  
791 ~~Corrections, any law enforcement agency in this state, and the~~  
792 ~~personnel of those departments; an elected or appointed~~  
793 ~~official, public employee, or school administrator; or an~~  
794 ~~employee, agency, or any individual or entity acting at the~~  
795 ~~request or upon the direction of any law enforcement agency is~~  
796 ~~immune from civil liability for damages for good faith~~  
797 ~~compliance with the requirements of this section or for the~~  
798 ~~release of information under this section and shall be presumed~~  
799 ~~to have acted in good faith in compiling, recording, reporting,~~  
800 ~~or releasing the information. The presumption of good faith is~~

801 not overcome if a technical or clerical error is made by the  
802 department, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles,  
803 the Department of Corrections, the personnel of those  
804 departments, or any individual or entity acting at the request  
805 or upon the direction of any of those departments in compiling  
806 or providing information, or if information is incomplete or  
807 incorrect because a career offender fails to report or falsely  
808 reports his or her current place of permanent, ~~or~~ temporary, or  
809 transient residence.

810 (13) ~~(8)~~ PENALTIES.—

811 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, a career  
812 offender who fails to register; who fails, after registration,  
813 to maintain, acquire, or renew a driver license or an  
814 identification card; who fails to provide required location  
815 information or change-of-name information; who fails to provide  
816 all home telephone numbers and cellular telephone numbers; who  
817 fails to report any changes to employment information, including  
818 the addition of new employment, termination of existing  
819 employment, and changes to the occupation, business name,  
820 employment address, and telephone number of previously reported  
821 employment; who fails to report any changes to vehicles owned,  
822 including the addition of new vehicles and changes to the make,  
823 model, color, vehicle identification number (VIN), and license  
824 tag numbers of previously reported vehicles; who fails to make a  
825 required report in connection with vacating a permanent

826 residence; who fails to reregister as required; who fails to  
827 respond to any address verification correspondence from the  
828 department or from county or local law enforcement agencies  
829 within 3 weeks after the date of the correspondence; who  
830 knowingly provides false registration information by act or  
831 omission; or who otherwise fails, by act or omission, to comply  
832 with the requirements of this section, commits a felony of the  
833 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
834 or s. 775.084. Each instance of failure to register or report  
835 changes to the required information specified in this paragraph  
836 constitutes a separate offense.

837 (b) A career offender who commits any act or omission in  
838 violation of this section, s. 944.608, or s. 944.609 may be  
839 prosecuted for the act or omission in the county in which the  
840 act or omission was committed, in the county of the last  
841 registered address of the career offender, in the county in  
842 which the conviction occurred for the offense or offenses that  
843 meet the criteria for designating a person as a career offender,  
844 in the county in which he or she was designated a career  
845 offender, in the county where the career offender was released  
846 from incarceration, or in the county of the intended address of  
847 the career offender as reported by the offender before his or  
848 her release from incarceration.

849 (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register when the  
850 career offender has been provided and advised of his or her

851 statutory obligations to register under this section, the  
852 service of an information or a complaint for a violation of this  
853 section, or an arraignment on charges for a violation of this  
854 section constitutes actual notice of the duty to register. A  
855 career offender's failure to register immediately as required by  
856 this section following such arrest, service, or arraignment  
857 constitutes grounds for a subsequent charge of failure to  
858 register. A career offender charged with the crime of failure to  
859 register who asserts, or intends to assert, a lack of notice of  
860 the duty to register as a defense to a charge of failure to  
861 register shall immediately register as required by this section.  
862 A career offender who is charged with a subsequent failure to  
863 register may not assert the defense of a lack of notice of the  
864 duty to register. Registration following such arrest, service,  
865 or arraignment is not a defense and does not relieve the career  
866 offender of criminal liability for the failure to register.

867 (d) (b) Any person who misuses public records information  
868 concerning a career offender, as defined in this section, or a  
869 career offender, as defined in s. 944.608 or s. 944.609, to  
870 secure a payment from such career offender; who knowingly  
871 distributes or publishes false information concerning such a  
872 career offender which the person misrepresents as being public  
873 records information; or who materially alters public records  
874 information with the intent to misrepresent the information,  
875 including documents, summaries of public records information

876 provided by law enforcement agencies, or public records  
877 information displayed by law enforcement agencies on websites or  
878 provided through other means of communication, commits a  
879 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
880 775.082 or s. 775.083.

881 ~~(9) PROSECUTIONS FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS. A career offender~~  
882 ~~who commits any act or omission in violation of this section, s.~~  
883 ~~944.608, or s. 944.609 may be prosecuted for the act or omission~~  
884 ~~in the county in which the act or omission was committed, the~~  
885 ~~county of the last registered address of the career offender,~~  
886 ~~the county in which the conviction occurred for the offense or~~  
887 ~~offenses that meet the criteria for designating a person as a~~  
888 ~~career offender, or in the county in which he or she was~~  
889 ~~designated a career offender.~~

890 ~~(14) (10) PENALTIES FOR ASSISTING IN CAREER OFFENDER~~  
891 ~~NONCOMPLIANCE.—Any~~ ~~It is a misdemeanor of the first degree,~~  
892 ~~punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person~~  
893 ~~who has reason to believe that a career offender is not~~  
894 ~~complying, or has not complied, with the requirements of this~~  
895 ~~section and who, with the intent to assist the career offender~~  
896 ~~in eluding a law enforcement agency that is seeking to find the~~  
897 ~~career offender to question the career offender about, or to~~  
898 ~~arrest the career offender for, his or her noncompliance with~~  
899 ~~the requirements of this section, to:~~

900 (a) ~~Withholds~~ Withhold information from, or does not fail

901 to notify, the law enforcement agency about the career  
902 offender's noncompliance with the requirements of this section  
903 and, if known, the whereabouts of the career offender;

904 (b) Harbors Harbor or attempts attempt to harbor, or  
905 assists assist another person in harboring or attempting to  
906 harbor, the career offender;

907 (c) Conceals Conceal or attempts attempt to conceal, or  
908 assists assist another person in concealing or attempting to  
909 conceal, the career offender; or

910 (d) Provides Provide information to the law enforcement  
911 agency regarding the career offender which the person knows to  
912 be false information,

913  
914 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
915 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

916       **Section 3. Section 944.608, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
917 **to read:**

918       944.608 Notification to Department of Law Enforcement of  
919 information on career offenders.—

920       (1) As used in this section, the term:

921       (a) "Career offender" means a person who is in the custody  
922 or control of, or under the supervision of, the department or is  
923 in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of, a  
924 contractor-operated correctional facility, and who is designated  
925 as a habitual violent felony offender, a violent career

926     criminal, or a three-time violent felony offender under s. 927     775.084 or as a prison releasee reoffender under s. 775.082(9).

928         (b) "Permanent residence," "temporary residence," and  
929 "transient residence" have the same meaning as provided in s.  
930     775.261.

931         (c) "Professional license" has the same meaning as  
932 provided in s. 775.261.

933         (d) "Vehicles owned" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
934     775.261.

935             (2) If a career offender is not sentenced to a term of  
936 imprisonment, the clerk of the court shall ensure that the  
937 career offender's fingerprints are taken and forwarded to the  
938 Department of Law Enforcement within 48 hours after the court  
939 sentences the career offender. The fingerprints shall be clearly  
940 marked "Career Offender Registration."

941             (3) A career offender, as described in this section, who  
942 is under the supervision of the department but is not  
943 incarcerated must register with the department within 3 business  
944 days after sentencing and provide information as required by  
945 this subsection.

946                 (a) The career offender shall provide his or her name;  
947 ~~date of birth;~~ social security number; race; ~~sex~~ gender; date of  
948 birth; height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other  
949 identifying marks; employment information required to be  
950 provided pursuant to s. 775.261; and permanent or legal

951 residence and address of temporary residence within the state or  
952 out of state while the career offender is under supervision in  
953 this state, including any rural route address and a ~~or~~ post  
954 office box; if no permanent or temporary address, any transient  
955 residence within this state; and address, location or  
956 description, and dates of any current or known future temporary  
957 residence within this state or out of state; the make, model,  
958 color, vehicle identification number (VIN), and license tag  
959 number of all vehicles owned; and all home telephone numbers and  
960 cellular telephone numbers required to be provided pursuant to  
961 s. 775.261. The career offender shall also produce his or her  
962 passport, if he or she has a passport, and, if he or she is an  
963 alien, shall produce or provide information about documents  
964 establishing his or her immigration status. The career offender  
965 shall also provide information about any professional licenses  
966 he or she has. The department shall verify the address of each  
967 career offender in the manner described in s. 775.261. The  
968 department shall report to the Department of Law Enforcement any  
969 failure by a career offender to comply with any registration  
970 requirements.

971 (b) A career offender shall report in person to the  
972 sheriff's office within 48 hours after any change in vehicles  
973 owned to report those vehicle information changes.

974 (4) In addition to notification and transmittal  
975 requirements imposed by any other provision of law, the

976 department shall compile information on any career offender and  
977 provide the information to the Department of Law Enforcement.  
978 The information shall be made available electronically to the  
979 Department of Law Enforcement as soon as this information is in  
980 the department's database and must be in a format that is  
981 compatible with the requirements of the Florida Crime  
982 Information Center.

983 (5) The information provided to the Department of Law  
984 Enforcement must include:

985 (a) The information obtained from the career offender  
986 under subsection (3);

987 (b) The career offender's most current address and ~~place~~  
988 ~~of permanent, and temporary, or transient residence or~~  
989 ~~residences within the state or out of state, the address,~~  
990 ~~location or description, and dates of any known future temporary~~  
991 ~~residence within this state or out of state while the career~~  
992 ~~offender is under supervision in this state, including the name~~  
993 ~~of the county or municipality in which the career offender~~  
994 ~~permanently or temporarily resides and, if known, the intended~~  
995 ~~place of permanent, or temporary, or transient residence or~~  
996 ~~residences and the address, location or description, and dates~~  
997 ~~of any current or known future temporary residence within this~~  
998 ~~state or out of state upon satisfaction of all sanctions;~~

999 (c) The legal status of the career offender and the  
1000 scheduled termination date of that legal status;

1001 (d) The location of, and local telephone number for, any  
1002 Department of Corrections' office that is responsible for  
1003 supervising the career offender; and

1004 (e) A digitized photograph of the career offender, which  
1005 must have been taken within 60 days before the career offender  
1006 is released from the custody of the department or a contractor-  
1007 operated correctional facility or within 60 days after the onset  
1008 of the department's supervision of any career offender who is on  
1009 probation, community control, conditional release, parole,  
1010 provisional release, or control release. If the career offender  
1011 is in the custody ~~or control of, or under the supervision of,~~ a  
1012 contractor-operated correctional facility, the facility shall  
1013 take a digitized photograph of the career offender within the  
1014 time period provided in this paragraph and shall provide the  
1015 photograph to the department.

1016 (6) (a) The department shall notify the Department of Law  
1017 Enforcement if the career offender escapes, absconds, or dies  
1018 while in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of,  
1019 the department.

1020 (b) If any information provided by the department changes  
1021 during the time the career offender is under the department's  
1022 custody, control, or supervision, including any change in the  
1023 career offender's name by reason of marriage or other legal  
1024 process, the department shall, in a timely manner, update the  
1025 information and provide it to the Department of Law Enforcement

1026 in the manner prescribed in subsection (4).

1027 (7) If the career offender is in the custody of a local  
1028 jail, the custodian of the local jail shall notify the  
1029 Department of Law Enforcement within 3 business days after  
1030 intake of the offender for any reason and upon release, and  
1031 shall forward the information to the Department of Law  
1032 Enforcement. The custodian of the local jail shall also take a  
1033 digitized photograph of the career offender while the career  
1034 offender remains in custody and shall provide the digitized  
1035 photograph to the Department of Law Enforcement.

1036 (8) If the career offender is under federal supervision,  
1037 the federal agency responsible for supervising the career  
1038 offender may forward to the Department of Law Enforcement any  
1039 information regarding the career offender which is consistent  
1040 with the information provided by the department under this  
1041 section, and may indicate whether use of the information is  
1042 restricted to law enforcement purposes only or may be used by  
1043 the Department of Law Enforcement for purposes of public  
1044 notification.

1045 (9) (7) A career offender, as described in this section,  
1046 who is under the supervision of the department but who is not  
1047 incarcerated shall, in addition to the registration requirements  
1048 provided in subsection (3), register and obtain a distinctive  
1049 driver license or identification card in the manner provided in  
1050 s. 775.261 s. 775.261(4)(e), unless the career offender is a

1051 sexual predator, in which case he or she shall register as  
1052 required under s. 775.21, or is a sexual offender, in which case  
1053 he or she shall register as required in s. 943.0435 or s.  
1054 944.607. A career offender who fails to comply with the  
1055 requirements of s. 775.261 ~~s. 775.261(4)~~ is subject to the  
1056 penalties provided in s. 775.261(13) ~~s. 775.261(8)~~.

1057 (10) (a) ~~(8)~~ The failure of a career offender to submit to  
1058 the taking of a digitized photograph, or to otherwise comply  
1059 with the requirements of this section, is a felony of the third  
1060 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
1061 775.084.

1062 (b) A career offender who commits any act or omission in  
1063 violation of this section may be prosecuted for the act or  
1064 omission in the county in which the act or omission was  
1065 committed, in the county of the last registered address of the  
1066 career offender, in the county in which the conviction occurred  
1067 for the offense or offenses that meet the criteria for  
1068 designating a person as a career offender, in the county in  
1069 which he or she was designated a career offender, in the county  
1070 where the career offender was released from incarceration, or in  
1071 the county of the intended address of the career offender as  
1072 reported by the offender before his or her release from  
1073 incarceration.

1074 (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register when the  
1075 offender has been provided and advised of his or her statutory

1076     obligations to register under s. 775.261, the service of an  
1077     information or a complaint for a violation of this section, or  
1078     an arraignment on charges for a violation of this section  
1079     constitutes actual notice of the duty to register. A career  
1080     offender's failure to register immediately as required by this  
1081     section following such arrest, service, or arraignment  
1082     constitutes grounds for a subsequent charge of failure to  
1083     register. A career offender charged with the crime of failure to  
1084     register who asserts, or intends to assert, a lack of notice of  
1085     the duty to register as a defense to a charge of failure to  
1086     register shall register immediately as required by this section.  
1087     A career offender who is charged with a subsequent failure to  
1088     register may not assert the defense of a lack of notice of the  
1089     duty to register.

1090         (d) Registration following such arrest, service, or  
1091         arraignment is not a defense and does not relieve the career  
1092         offender of criminal liability for the failure to register.

1093         (11) ~~(9)~~ The department, the Department of Highway Safety  
1094         and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Law Enforcement, personnel  
1095         of those departments, and any individual or entity acting at the  
1096         request or upon the direction of those departments are immune  
1097         from civil liability for damages for good faith compliance with  
1098         this section, and shall be presumed to have acted in good faith  
1099         in compiling, recording, reporting, or providing information.  
1100         The presumption of good faith is not overcome if technical or

1101 clerical errors are made by the department, the Department of  
1102 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Law  
1103 Enforcement, personnel of those departments, or any individual  
1104 or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of those  
1105 departments in compiling, recording, reporting, or providing  
1106 information, or, if the information is incomplete or incorrect  
1107 because the information has not been provided by a person or  
1108 agency required to provide the information, or because the  
1109 information was not reported or was falsely reported.

1110 (12) Any person who has reason to believe that a career  
1111 offender is not complying, or has not complied, with the  
1112 requirements of this section and who, with the intent to assist  
1113 the career offender in eluding a law enforcement agency that is  
1114 seeking to find the career offender to question the career  
1115 offender about, or to arrest the career offender for, his or her  
1116 noncompliance with the requirements of this section:

1117 (a) Withholds information from, or does not notify, the  
1118 law enforcement agency about the career offender's noncompliance  
1119 with the requirements of this section, and, if known, the  
1120 whereabouts of the career offender;

1121 (b) Harbors or attempts to harbor, or assists another  
1122 person in harboring or attempting to harbor, the career  
1123 offender;

1124 (c) Conceals or attempts to conceal, or assists another  
1125 person in concealing or attempting to conceal, the career

1126 offender; or

1127 (d) Provides information to the law enforcement agency  
1128 regarding the career offender which the person knows to be false  
1129 information,

1130  
1131 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
1132 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. This subsection does not  
1133 apply if the career offender is incarcerated in or is in the  
1134 custody of a state correctional facility, a contractor-operated  
1135 correctional facility, a local jail, or a federal correctional  
1136 facility.

1137 (13) (a) A career offender must report in person each year  
1138 during the month of the career offender's birthday to the  
1139 sheriff's office in the county in which he or she maintains a  
1140 permanent, temporary, or transient residence or is otherwise  
1141 located to reregister.

1142 (b) The sheriff's office may determine the appropriate  
1143 times and days for reporting by the career offender, which must  
1144 be consistent with the reporting requirements of this  
1145 subsection. Reregistration must include any changes to the  
1146 following information:

1147 1. Name; social security number; race; sex; date of birth;  
1148 height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other identifying  
1149 marks; fingerprints; palm prints; photograph; employment  
1150 information required to be provided pursuant to s. 775.261;

1151 address of permanent residence and address of any current  
1152 temporary residence, within the state or out of state, including  
1153 a rural route address and a post office box; if no permanent or  
1154 temporary address, any transient residence within this state;  
1155 address, location or description, and dates of any current or  
1156 known future temporary residence within the state or out of  
1157 state; the make, model, color, vehicle identification number  
1158 (VIN), and license tag number of all vehicles owned; and all  
1159 home telephone numbers and cellular telephone numbers required  
1160 to be provided pursuant to s. 775.261. A post office box may not  
1161 be provided in lieu of a physical residential address. The  
1162 career offender shall also produce his or her passport, if he or  
1163 she has a passport, and, if he or she is an alien, shall produce  
1164 or provide information about documents establishing his or her  
1165 immigration status. The career offender shall also provide  
1166 information about any professional licenses he or she has.

1167 2. If the career offender's place of residence is a motor  
1168 vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or manufactured home, as those  
1169 terms are defined in chapter 320, the career offender shall also  
1170 provide the vehicle identification number (VIN); the license tag  
1171 number; the registration number; and a description, including  
1172 color scheme, of the motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or  
1173 manufactured home. If the career offender's place of residence  
1174 is a vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat, as those terms  
1175 are defined in chapter 327, the career offender shall also

1176 provide the hull identification number; the manufacturer's  
1177 serial number; the name of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or  
1178 houseboat; the registration number of the vessel, live-aboard  
1179 vessel, or houseboat; and a description, including color scheme,  
1180 of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat.

1181 3. Any career offender who fails to report in person as  
1182 required at the sheriff's office, who fails to respond to any  
1183 address verification correspondence from the department within 3  
1184 weeks after the date of the correspondence, or who knowingly  
1185 provides false registration information by act or omission  
1186 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
1187 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

1188 (c) The sheriff's office shall, within 2 working days,  
1189 electronically submit and update all information provided by the  
1190 career offender to the Department of Law Enforcement in a manner  
1191 prescribed by the Department of Law Enforcement.

1192 **Section 4. Section 944.609, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1193 **to read:**

1194 944.609 Career offenders; notification upon release.—

1195 (1) As used in this section, the term:

1196 (a) "Career offender" means a person who is in the custody  
1197 or control of, or under the supervision of, the department or is  
1198 in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of a  
1199 contractor-operated correctional facility, who is designated as  
1200 a habitual violent felony offender, a violent career criminal,

1201 or a three-time violent felony offender under s. 775.084 or as a  
1202 prison releasee reoffender under s. 775.082(9).

1203 (b) "Permanent residence," "temporary residence," and  
1204 "transient residence" have the same meaning as provided in s.  
1205 775.261.

1206 (c) "Professional license" has the same meaning as  
1207 provided in s. 775.261.

1208 (d) "Vehicles owned" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
1209 775.261.

1210 (2) The Legislature finds that certain career offenders,  
1211 by virtue of their histories of offenses, present a threat to  
1212 the public and to communities. Career offenders have a reduced  
1213 expectation of privacy because of the public's interest in  
1214 public safety and in the effective operation of government. The  
1215 Legislature finds that requiring these career offenders to  
1216 register for the purpose of tracking the career offenders and  
1217 providing for notifying the public and a community of the  
1218 presence of a career offender are important aids to law  
1219 enforcement agencies, the public, and communities if the career  
1220 offender engages again in criminal conduct. Registration is  
1221 intended to aid law enforcement agencies in timely apprehending  
1222 a career offender. Registration is not a punishment, but merely  
1223 a status. Notification to the public and communities of the  
1224 presence of a career offender aids the public and communities in  
1225 avoiding being victimized by the career offender. The

1226 Legislature intends to require the registration of career  
1227 offenders and to authorize law enforcement agencies to notify  
1228 the public and communities of the presence of a career offender.

1229 (3) (a) The department must provide information regarding  
1230 any career offender who is being released after serving a period  
1231 of incarceration for any offense, as follows:

1232 1. The department must provide the career offender's name,  
1233 any change in the career offender's name by reason of marriage  
1234 or other legal process, and any alias, if known; the  
1235 correctional facility from which the career offender is  
1236 released; the career offender's social security number, race,  
1237 ~~sex gender~~, date of birth, height, weight, and hair and eye  
1238 color; tattoos or other identifying marks; address of any  
1239 planned permanent residence or temporary residence, within this  
1240 state or out of state, including a rural route address and a  
1241 post office box; if no permanent or temporary address, any  
1242 transient residence within this state; address, location or  
1243 description, and dates of any current or known future temporary  
1244 residence within this state or out of state; date and county of  
1245 sentence and each crime for which the career offender was  
1246 sentenced; a copy of the career offender's fingerprints, palm  
1247 prints, and a digitized photograph taken within 60 days before  
1248 release; the date of release of the career offender; employment  
1249 information, if known, required to be provided pursuant to s.  
1250 775.261; all home telephone numbers and cellular telephone

1251     numbers required to be provided pursuant to s. 775.261;  
1252     information about any professional licenses the career offender  
1253     has, if known; and passport information, if he or she has a  
1254     passport, and, if he or she is an alien, information about the  
1255     documents establishing his or her immigration status and the  
1256     career offender's intended residence address, if known. The  
1257     department shall notify the Department of Law Enforcement if the  
1258     career offender escapes, absconds, or dies. If the career  
1259     offender is in the custody of a contractor-operated correctional  
1260     facility, the facility shall take the digitized photograph of  
1261     the career offender within 60 days before the career offender's  
1262     release and provide this photograph to the Department of  
1263     Corrections and also place it in the career offender's file. If  
1264     the career offender is in the custody of a local jail, the  
1265     custodian of the local jail shall notify the Department of Law  
1266     Enforcement within 3 business days after intake of the offender  
1267     for any reason and upon of the career offender's release, and  
1268     provide to the Department of Law Enforcement the information  
1269     specified in this paragraph and any information specified in  
1270     subparagraph 2. which the Department of Law Enforcement  
1271     requests.

1272       2. The department may provide any other information deemed  
1273     necessary, including criminal and corrections records and  
1274     nonprivileged personnel and treatment records, when available.

1275       (b) The department must provide the information described

1276 in subparagraph (a)1. to:

1277 1. The sheriff of the county where the career offender was  
1278 sentenced;

1279 2. The sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the  
1280 police chief of the municipality, where the career offender  
1281 plans to reside;

1282 3. The Department of Law Enforcement;

1283 4. When requested, the victim of the offense, the victim's  
1284 parent or legal guardian if the victim is a minor, the lawful  
1285 representative of the victim or of the victim's parent or  
1286 guardian if the victim is a minor, or the next of kin if the  
1287 victim is a homicide victim; and

1288 5. Any person who requests such information,

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1290 either within 6 months prior to the anticipated release of a  
1291 career offender or as soon as possible if a career offender is  
1292 released earlier than anticipated. All such information provided  
1293 to the Department of Law Enforcement must be available  
1294 electronically as soon as the information is in the agency's  
1295 database and must be in a format that is compatible with the  
1296 requirements of the Florida Crime Information Center.

1297 (c) Upon request, the department must provide the  
1298 information described in subparagraph (a)2. to:

1299 1. The sheriff of the county where the career offender was  
1300 sentenced; and

1301        2. The sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the  
1302 police chief of the municipality, where the career offender  
1303 plans to reside,

1304  
1305 either within 6 months prior to the anticipated release of a  
1306 career offender or as soon as possible if a career offender is  
1307 released earlier than anticipated.

1308        (d) Upon receiving information regarding a career offender  
1309 from the department, the Department of Law Enforcement, the  
1310 sheriff, or the chief of police shall provide the information  
1311 described in subparagraph (a)1. to any individual who requests  
1312 such information and may release the information to the public  
1313 in any manner deemed appropriate, unless the information is  
1314 confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
1315 the State Constitution.

1316        (4) This section authorizes the department or any law  
1317 enforcement agency to ~~may~~ notify the community and the public of  
1318 a career offender's presence in the community. However, with  
1319 respect to a career offender who has been found to be a sexual  
1320 predator under s. 775.21, the Department of Law Enforcement or  
1321 any other law enforcement agency must inform the community and  
1322 the public of the sexual predator's ~~career offender's~~ presence  
1323 in the community, as provided in s. 775.21.

1324        (5) An elected or appointed official, public employee,  
1325 school administrator or employee, or agency, or any individual

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1326 or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of any law  
1327 enforcement agency, is immune from civil liability for damages  
1328 resulting from the good faith compliance with the requirements  
1329 of this section or the release of information under this  
1330 section.

1331 **Section 5.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.