

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; providing applicability; 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,  
165       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." This  
186 paragraph applies only while the person is under the supervision  
187 of the Department of Corrections.

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

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

199 **Section 2. Section 775.261, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
200 **to read:**

201 775.261 The Florida Career Offender Registration Act.—

202 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as "The Florida  
203 Career Offender Registration Act."

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

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

208 775.084 or as a prison releasee reoffender under s. 775.082(9).

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

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

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

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

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

226 calendar day.

227 (g) "Professional license" means the document of  
228 authorization or certification issued by an agency of this state  
229 for a regulatory purpose, or by any similar agency in another  
230 jurisdiction for a regulatory purpose, to a person to engage in  
231 an occupation or to carry out a trade or business.

232 (h) 1. (g) "Temporary residence" means:

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

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

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

251 transient residence in this state.

252 ~~3. A place where the career offender routinely abides,~~  
253 ~~lodges, or resides for a period of 4 or more consecutive or~~  
254 ~~nonconsecutive days in any month and which is not the career~~  
255 ~~offender's permanent residence, including any out-of-state~~  
256 ~~address.~~

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

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

276 residing at a career offender's permanent residence for 5 or  
277 more consecutive days.

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

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

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

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

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

301 775.21 or as a sexual offender under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607,  
302 the person must register as a career offender under this section  
303 if the person is otherwise designated as a career offender as  
304 provided in this section.

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

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

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

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

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

325 a. Establishing a permanent, or temporary, or transient

326 residence in this state; or

327 b. ~~Within 2 working days after~~ Being released from the  
328 custody, control, or supervision of the Department of  
329 Corrections or from the custody of a contractor-operated  
330 correctional facility or local detention facility; or

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

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

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

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

376 aboard vessel, or houseboat; the registration number of the  
377 vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat; and a description,  
378 including color scheme, of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or  
379 houseboat.

380 3. Any change in any of the information required to be  
381 provided pursuant to this paragraph, including, but not limited  
382 to, any change in the career offender's permanent, temporary, or  
383 transient residence; name; home telephone numbers and cellular  
384 telephone numbers; employment information; and vehicles owned  
385 after the career offender reports in person at the sheriff's  
386 office must be reported in the manner provided in subsections  
387 (5)-(8).

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

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

400 (d)-(e) Within 48 hours 2 working days after the report

401 registration required under this subsection paragraph (a), a  
402 career offender who is not incarcerated and who resides in the  
403 community, including a career offender under the supervision of  
404 the Department of Corrections pursuant to s. 944.608, shall  
405 report register in person at a driver license office of the  
406 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, unless a driver  
407 license or identification card that complies with s. 322.141(3)  
408 was previously secured or updated under s. 944.608 and shall  
409 present proof of registration. At the driver license office, the  
410 career offender shall:

411 1. If otherwise qualified, secure a Florida driver  
412 license, renew a Florida driver license, or secure an  
413 identification card. The career offender shall identify himself  
414 or herself as a career offender who is required to comply with  
415 this section and shall provide proof that the career offender  
416 reported as required in this subsection. The career offender  
417 shall provide any of the information specified in this  
418 subsection, if requested. The career offender shall submit to  
419 the taking of a photograph for use in issuing a driver license,  
420 renewed license, or identification card, and for use by the  
421 department in maintaining current records of career offenders,  
422 provide his or her place of permanent or temporary residence,  
423 including a rural route address or a post office box, and submit  
424 to the taking of a photograph for use in issuing a driver  
425 license, renewed license, or identification card, and for use by

426 the department in maintaining current records of career  
427 offenders. The career offender may not provide a post office box  
428 in lieu of a physical residential address. If the career  
429 offender's place of residence is a motor vehicle, trailer,  
430 mobile home, or manufactured home, as defined in chapter 320,  
431 the career offender shall also provide to the Department of  
432 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles the vehicle identification  
433 number; the license tag number; the motor vehicle registration  
434 number; and a description, including color scheme, of the motor  
435 vehicle, trailer, mobile home, or manufactured home. If a career  
436 offender's place of residence is a vessel, live aboard vessel,  
437 or houseboat, as defined in chapter 327, the career offender  
438 shall also provide to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
439 Vehicles the hull identification number; the manufacturer's  
440 serial number; the name of the vessel, live aboard vessel, or  
441 houseboat; the registration number; and a description, including  
442 color scheme, of the vessel, live aboard vessel, or houseboat.

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

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

451        (5) MAINTAINING REGISTRATION.—

452        (a) (d) Each time a career offender's driver license or  
453 identification card is subject to renewal, and, without regard  
454 to the status of the career offender's driver license or  
455 identification card, within 48 hours 2 working days after any  
456 ~~change of the career offender's residence or change~~ in the  
457 career offender's name by reason of marriage or other legal  
458 process, the career offender must report in person to a driver  
459 license office, and shall be subject to the requirements  
460 specified in paragraph (4) (d) (e). The Department of Highway  
461 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall forward to the department and to  
462 the Department of Corrections all photographs and information  
463 provided by career offenders. Notwithstanding the restrictions  
464 set forth in s. 322.142, the Department of Highway Safety and  
465 Motor Vehicles may release a reproduction of a color-photograph  
466 or digital-image license to the department for purposes of  
467 public notification of career offenders as provided in this  
468 section and ss. 775.26 and 944.609. A career offender who is  
469 unable to secure or update a driver license or an identification  
470 card with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as  
471 provided in paragraph (4) (d) and this subsection shall report  
472 any change in the career offender's name by reason of marriage  
473 or other legal process within 48 hours after the change in  
474 person to the sheriff's office in the county where the career  
475 offender resides or is located. The reporting requirements under

476 this paragraph do not negate the requirement for a career  
477 offender to obtain a Florida driver license or an identification  
478 card as required in this section.

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

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

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

500 (6) ESTABLISHING A RESIDENCE WITHIN THIS STATE AFTER

501 INITIAL REGISTRATION.—

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

526 Florida driver license or an identification card as required in  
527 this section. This paragraph does not apply to an in-state  
528 travel residence.

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

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

549 (d) A career offender who remains at a permanent,  
550 temporary, or transient residence after reporting his or her

551 intend to vacate such residence shall, within 48 hours after the  
552 date upon which the career offender indicated he or she would or  
553 did vacate such residence, report in person to the agency to  
554 which he or she reported pursuant to paragraph (c) for the  
555 purpose of reporting his or her address at such residence. When  
556 the sheriff receives the report, the sheriff shall promptly  
557 provide the information to the department. An offender who makes  
558 a report as required under paragraph (c) but fails to make a  
559 report as required under this paragraph commits a felony of the  
560 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
561 or s. 775.084.

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

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

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

576     48 hours before he or she intends to establish a residence in  
577     another state or jurisdiction must be reported in person to the  
578     sheriff's office as soon as possible before departure. If the  
579     career offender is under the supervision of the Department of  
580     Corrections, the career offender shall notify the supervising  
581     probation officer of his or her intent to transfer supervision,  
582     satisfy all transfer requirements pursuant to the Interstate  
583     Compact for Supervision of Adult Offenders, as provided in s.  
584     949.07, and abide by the decision of the receiving jurisdiction  
585     to accept or deny transfer. The career offender must provide to  
586     the sheriff ~~or department~~ the address, municipality, county, and  
587     state or jurisdiction of intended residence. The sheriff shall  
588     promptly provide to the department the information received from  
589     the career offender. The failure of a career offender to provide  
590     his or her intended place of residence is punishable as provided  
591     in subsection (13) (8).

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

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

612 (8) ANNUAL REREGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—

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

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

623 1. Name; social security number; race; sex; date of birth;  
624 height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other identifying  
625 marks; fingerprints; palm prints; photograph; employment

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

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

651 are defined in chapter 327, the career offender shall also  
652 provide the hull identification number; the manufacturer's  
653 serial number; the name of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or  
654 houseboat; the registration number of the vessel, live-aboard  
655 vessel, or houseboat; and a description, including color scheme,  
656 of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat.

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

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

672 (h)1. The department shall maintain online computer access  
673 to the current information regarding each registered career  
674 offender. The department must maintain hotline access so that  
675 state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies may obtain

676 instantaneous locator file and criminal characteristics  
677 information on release and registration of career offenders for  
678 purposes of monitoring, tracking, and prosecution. The  
679 photograph and fingerprints need not be stored in a computerized  
680 format.

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

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

697 (10) (i) RELIEF FROM REGISTRATION.—A career offender must  
698 maintain registration with the department for the duration of  
699 his or her life, unless the career offender has received a full  
700 pardon or has had a conviction set aside in a postconviction

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

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

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

726 the petition should be denied. If the court denies the petition,  
727 the court may set a future date at which the ~~registered~~ career  
728 offender may again petition the court for relief, subject to the  
729 standards for relief provided in this subsection paragraph.

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

736 (11) (5) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—

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

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

751        (c)1. The department is responsible for the online  
752        maintenance of the current information regarding each career  
753        offender. The department must maintain hotline access for state,  
754        local, and federal law enforcement agencies to obtain  
755        instantaneous locator file and criminal characteristics  
756        information on release and registration of career offenders for  
757        the purposes of monitoring, tracking, and prosecution. The  
758        photograph and fingerprints need not be stored in a computerized  
759        format.

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

771        3. The department shall adopt guidelines as necessary  
772        regarding the registration of a career offender and the  
773        dissemination of information regarding a career offender as  
774        required by this section. However, the department may not  
775        display on or disseminate through the Internet public registry

776     maintained by the department any information regarding a vehicle  
777     that is owned by a person who is not required to register as a  
778     career offender.

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

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

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

812 (13) ~~(8)~~ PENALTIES.—

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

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

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

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

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

876 information with the intent to misrepresent the information,  
877 including documents, summaries of public records information  
878 provided by law enforcement agencies, or public records  
879 information displayed by law enforcement agencies on websites or  
880 provided through other means of communication, commits a  
881 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
882 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

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

901 the requirements of this section, ~~to~~:

902 (a) Withholds Withhold information from, or does not fail  
903 ~~to~~ notify, the law enforcement agency about the career  
904 offender's noncompliance with the requirements of this section  
905 and, if known, the whereabouts of the career offender;

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

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

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

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

918 **Section 3. Section 944.608, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
919 **to read:**

920 944.608 Notification to Department of Law Enforcement of  
921 information on career offenders.—

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

923 (a) "Career offender" means a person who is in the custody  
924 or control of, or under the supervision of, the department or is  
925 in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of, a

926 contractor-operated correctional facility, and who is designated  
927 as a habitual violent felony offender, a violent career  
928 criminal, or a three-time violent felony offender under s.  
929 775.084 or as a prison releasee reoffender under s. 775.082(9).

930       (b) "Permanent residence," "temporary residence," and  
931 "transient residence" have the same meaning as provided in s.  
932 775.261.

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

935       (d) "Vehicles owned" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
936 775.261.

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

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

948       (a) The career offender shall provide his or her name;  
949 ~~date of birth;~~ social security number; race; ~~sex~~ gender; date of  
950 birth; height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other

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

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

976       (4) In addition to notification and transmittal  
977 requirements imposed by any other provision of law, the  
978 department shall compile information on any career offender and  
979 provide the information to the Department of Law Enforcement.  
980 The information shall be made available electronically to the  
981 Department of Law Enforcement as soon as this information is in  
982 the department's database and must be in a format that is  
983 compatible with the requirements of the Florida Crime  
984 Information Center.

985       (5) The information provided to the Department of Law  
986 Enforcement must include:

987       (a) The information obtained from the career offender  
988 under subsection (3);  
989       (b) The career offender's most current address and ~~place~~  
990 ~~of permanent, and temporary, or transient residence or~~  
991 ~~residences~~ within the state or out of state, ~~the address,~~  
992 ~~location or description, and dates of any known future temporary~~  
993 ~~residence within this state or out of state~~ while the career  
994 offender is under supervision in this state, ~~including the name~~  
995 ~~of the county or municipality in which the career offender~~  
996 ~~permanently or temporarily resides and, if known, the intended~~  
997 ~~place of permanent, or temporary, or transient residence or~~  
998 ~~residences and the address, location or description, and dates~~  
999 ~~of any current or known future temporary residence within this~~  
1000 ~~state or out of state~~ upon satisfaction of all sanctions;

1001 (c) The legal status of the career offender and the  
1002 scheduled termination date of that legal status;

1003 (d) The location of, and local telephone number for, any  
1004 Department of Corrections' office that is responsible for  
1005 supervising the career offender; and

1006 (e) A digitized photograph of the career offender, which  
1007 must have been taken within 60 days before the career offender  
1008 is released from the custody of the department or a contractor-  
1009 operated correctional facility or within 60 days after the onset  
1010 of the department's supervision of any career offender who is on  
1011 probation, community control, conditional release, parole,  
1012 provisional release, or control release. If the career offender  
1013 is in the custody ~~or control of, or under the supervision of,~~ a  
1014 contractor-operated correctional facility, the facility shall  
1015 take a digitized photograph of the career offender within the  
1016 time period provided in this paragraph and shall provide the  
1017 photograph to the department.

1018 (6) (a) The department shall notify the Department of Law  
1019 Enforcement if the career offender escapes, absconds, or dies  
1020 while in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of,  
1021 the department.

1022 (b) If any information provided by the department changes  
1023 during the time the career offender is under the department's  
1024 custody, control, or supervision, including any change in the  
1025 career offender's name by reason of marriage or other legal

1026 process, the department shall, in a timely manner, update the  
1027 information and provide it to the Department of Law Enforcement  
1028 in the manner prescribed in subsection (4).

1029 (7) If the career offender is in the custody of a local  
1030 jail, the custodian of the local jail shall notify the  
1031 Department of Law Enforcement within 3 business days after  
1032 intake of the offender for any reason and upon release, and  
1033 shall forward the information to the Department of Law  
1034 Enforcement. The custodian of the local jail shall also take a  
1035 digitized photograph of the career offender while the career  
1036 offender remains in custody and shall provide the digitized  
1037 photograph to the Department of Law Enforcement.

1038 (8) If the career offender is under federal supervision,  
1039 the federal agency responsible for supervising the career  
1040 offender may forward to the Department of Law Enforcement any  
1041 information regarding the career offender which is consistent  
1042 with the information provided by the department under this  
1043 section, and may indicate whether use of the information is  
1044 restricted to law enforcement purposes only or may be used by  
1045 the Department of Law Enforcement for purposes of public  
1046 notification.

1047 (9) (7) A career offender, as described in this section,  
1048 who is under the supervision of the department but who is not  
1049 incarcerated shall, in addition to the registration requirements  
1050 provided in subsection (3), register and obtain a distinctive

1051    driver license or identification card in the manner provided in  
1052    s. 775.261 ~~s. 775.261(4)(e)~~, unless the career offender is a  
1053    sexual predator, in which case he or she shall register as  
1054    required under s. 775.21, or is a sexual offender, in which case  
1055    he or she shall register as required in s. 943.0435 or s.  
1056    944.607. A career offender who fails to comply with the  
1057    requirements of s. 775.261 ~~s. 775.261(4)~~ is subject to the  
1058    penalties provided in s. 775.261(13) ~~s. 775.261(8)~~.

1059    (10) (a)(8) The failure of a career offender to submit to  
1060    the taking of a digitized photograph, or to otherwise comply  
1061    with the requirements of this section, is a felony of the third  
1062    degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
1063    775.084.

1064    (b) A career offender who commits any act or omission in  
1065    violation of this section may be prosecuted for the act or  
1066    omission in the county in which the act or omission was  
1067    committed, in the county of the last registered address of the  
1068    career offender, in the county in which the conviction occurred  
1069    for the offense or offenses that meet the criteria for  
1070    designating a person as a career offender, in the county in  
1071    which he or she was designated a career offender, in the county  
1072    where the career offender was released from incarceration, or in  
1073    the county of the intended address of the career offender as  
1074    reported by the offender before his or her release from  
1075    incarceration.

1076       (c) An arrest on charges of failure to register when the  
1077 offender has been provided and advised of his or her statutory  
1078 obligations to register under s. 775.261, the service of an  
1079 information or a complaint for a violation of this section, or  
1080 an arraignment on charges for a violation of this section  
1081 constitutes actual notice of the duty to register. A career  
1082 offender's failure to register immediately as required by this  
1083 section following such arrest, service, or arraignment  
1084 constitutes grounds for a subsequent charge of failure to  
1085 register. A career offender charged with the crime of failure to  
1086 register who asserts, or intends to assert, a lack of notice of  
1087 the duty to register as a defense to a charge of failure to  
1088 register shall register immediately as required by this section.  
1089 A career offender who is charged with a subsequent failure to  
1090 register may not assert the defense of a lack of notice of the  
1091 duty to register.

1092       (d) Registration following such arrest, service, or  
1093 arraignment is not a defense and does not relieve the career  
1094 offender of criminal liability for the failure to register.

1095       (11) (9) The department, the Department of Highway Safety  
1096 and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Law Enforcement, personnel  
1097 of those departments, and any individual or entity acting at the  
1098 request or upon the direction of those departments are immune  
1099 from civil liability for damages for good faith compliance with  
1100 this section, and shall be presumed to have acted in good faith

1101 in compiling, recording, reporting, or providing information.  
1102 The presumption of good faith is not overcome if technical or  
1103 clerical errors are made by the department, the Department of  
1104 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Law  
1105 Enforcement, personnel of those departments, or any individual  
1106 or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of those  
1107 departments in compiling, recording, reporting, or providing  
1108 information, or, if the information is incomplete or incorrect  
1109 because the information has not been provided by a person or  
1110 agency required to provide the information, or because the  
1111 information was not reported or was falsely reported.

1112 (12) Any person who has reason to believe that a career  
1113 offender is not complying, or has not complied, with the  
1114 requirements of this section and who, with the intent to assist  
1115 the career offender in eluding a law enforcement agency that is  
1116 seeking to find the career offender to question the career  
1117 offender about, or to arrest the career offender for, his or her  
1118 noncompliance with the requirements of this section:

1119 (a) Withholds information from, or does not notify, the  
1120 law enforcement agency about the career offender's noncompliance  
1121 with the requirements of this section, and, if known, the  
1122 whereabouts of the career offender;

1123 (b) Harbors or attempts to harbor, or assists another  
1124 person in harboring or attempting to harbor, the career  
1125 offender;

1126        (c) Conceals or attempts to conceal, or assists another  
1127        person in concealing or attempting to conceal, the career  
1128        offender; or

1129        (d) Provides information to the law enforcement agency  
1130        regarding the career offender which the person knows to be false  
1131        information,

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1133        commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
1134        s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. This subsection does not  
1135        apply if the career offender is incarcerated in or is in the  
1136        custody of a state correctional facility, a contractor-operated  
1137        correctional facility, a local jail, or a federal correctional  
1138        facility.

1139        (13) (a) A career offender must report in person each year  
1140        during the month of the career offender's birthday to the  
1141        sheriff's office in the county in which he or she maintains a  
1142        permanent, temporary, or transient residence or is otherwise  
1143        located to reregister.

1144        (b) The sheriff's office may determine the appropriate  
1145        times and days for reporting by the career offender, which must  
1146        be consistent with the reporting requirements of this  
1147        subsection. Reregistration must include any changes to the  
1148        following information:

1149        1. Name; social security number; race; sex; date of birth;  
1150        height; weight; hair and eye color; tattoos or other identifying

1151 marks; fingerprints; palm prints; photograph; employment  
1152 information required to be provided pursuant to s. 775.261;  
1153 address of permanent residence and address of any current  
1154 temporary residence, within the state or out of state, including  
1155 a rural route address and a post office box; if no permanent or  
1156 temporary address, any transient residence within this state;  
1157 address, location or description, and dates of any current or  
1158 known future temporary residence within the state or out of  
1159 state; the make, model, color, vehicle identification number  
1160 (VIN), and license tag number of all vehicles owned; and all  
1161 home telephone numbers and cellular telephone numbers required  
1162 to be provided pursuant to s. 775.261. A post office box may not  
1163 be provided in lieu of a physical residential address. The  
1164 career offender shall also produce his or her passport, if he or  
1165 she has a passport, and, if he or she is an alien, shall produce  
1166 or provide information about documents establishing his or her  
1167 immigration status. The career offender shall also provide  
1168 information about any professional licenses he or she has.

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

1176 is a vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat, as those terms  
1177 are defined in chapter 327, the career offender shall also  
1178 provide the hull identification number; the manufacturer's  
1179 serial number; the name of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or  
1180 houseboat; the registration number of the vessel, live-aboard  
1181 vessel, or houseboat; and a description, including color scheme,  
1182 of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat.

1183 3. Any career offender who fails to report in person as  
1184 required at the sheriff's office, who fails to respond to any  
1185 address verification correspondence from the department within 3  
1186 weeks after the date of the correspondence, or who knowingly  
1187 provides false registration information by act or omission  
1188 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
1189 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

1190 (c) The sheriff's office shall, within 2 working days,  
1191 electronically submit and update all information provided by the  
1192 career offender to the Department of Law Enforcement in a manner  
1193 prescribed by the Department of Law Enforcement.

1194 **Section 4. Section 944.609, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
1195 **to read:**

1196 944.609 Career offenders; notification upon release.—

1197 (1) As used in this section, the term:

1198 (a) "Career offender" means a person who is in the custody  
1199 or control of, or under the supervision of, the department or is  
1200 in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of a

1201 contractor-operated correctional facility, who is designated as  
1202 a habitual violent felony offender, a violent career criminal,  
1203 or a three-time violent felony offender under s. 775.084 or as a  
1204 prison releasee reoffender under s. 775.082(9).

1205 (b) "Permanent residence," "temporary residence," and  
1206 "transient residence" have the same meaning as provided in s.  
1207 775.261.

1208 (c) "Professional license" has the same meaning as  
1209 provided in s. 775.261.

1210 (d) "Vehicles owned" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
1211 775.261.

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

1226 presence of a career offender aids the public and communities in  
1227 avoiding being victimized by the career offender. The  
1228 Legislature intends to require the registration of career  
1229 offenders and to authorize law enforcement agencies to notify  
1230 the public and communities of the presence of a career offender.

1231 (3) (a) The department must provide information regarding  
1232 any career offender who is being released after serving a period  
1233 of incarceration for any offense, as follows:

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

1251 information, if known, required to be provided pursuant to s.  
1252 775.261; all home telephone numbers and cellular telephone  
1253 numbers required to be provided pursuant to s. 775.261;  
1254 information about any professional licenses the career offender  
1255 has, if known; and passport information, if he or she has a  
1256 passport, and, if he or she is an alien, information about the  
1257 documents establishing his or her immigration status and the  
1258 career offender's intended residence address, if known. The  
1259 department shall notify the Department of Law Enforcement if the  
1260 career offender escapes, absconds, or dies. If the career  
1261 offender is in the custody of a contractor-operated correctional  
1262 facility, the facility shall take the digitized photograph of  
1263 the career offender within 60 days before the career offender's  
1264 release and provide this photograph to the Department of  
1265 Corrections and also place it in the career offender's file. If  
1266 the career offender is in the custody of a local jail, the  
1267 custodian of the local jail shall notify the Department of Law  
1268 Enforcement within 3 business days after intake of the offender  
1269 for any reason and upon ~~of the career offender's release,~~ and  
1270 provide to the Department of Law Enforcement the information  
1271 specified in this paragraph and any information specified in  
1272 subparagraph 2. which the Department of Law Enforcement  
1273 requests.

1274 2. The department may provide any other information deemed  
1275 necessary, including criminal and corrections records and

1276 nonprivileged personnel and treatment records, when available.

1277 (b) The department must provide the information described  
1278 in subparagraph (a)1. to:

1279 1. The sheriff of the county where the career offender was  
1280 sentenced;

1281 2. The sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the  
1282 police chief of the municipality, where the career offender  
1283 plans to reside;

1284 3. The Department of Law Enforcement;

1285 4. When requested, the victim of the offense, the victim's  
1286 parent or legal guardian if the victim is a minor, the lawful  
1287 representative of the victim or of the victim's parent or  
1288 guardian if the victim is a minor, or the next of kin if the  
1289 victim is a homicide victim; and

1290 5. Any person who requests such information,

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1292 either within 6 months prior to the anticipated release of a  
1293 career offender or as soon as possible if a career offender is  
1294 released earlier than anticipated. All such information provided  
1295 to the Department of Law Enforcement must be available  
1296 electronically as soon as the information is in the agency's  
1297 database and must be in a format that is compatible with the  
1298 requirements of the Florida Crime Information Center.

1299 (c) Upon request, the department must provide the  
1300 information described in subparagraph (a)2. to:

1301        1. The sheriff of the county where the career offender was  
1302        sentenced; and

1303        2. The sheriff of the county and, if applicable, the  
1304        police chief of the municipality, where the career offender  
1305        plans to reside,

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1307        either within 6 months prior to the anticipated release of a  
1308        career offender or as soon as possible if a career offender is  
1309        released earlier than anticipated.

1310        (d) Upon receiving information regarding a career offender  
1311        from the department, the Department of Law Enforcement, the  
1312        sheriff, or the chief of police shall provide the information  
1313        described in subparagraph (a)1. to any individual who requests  
1314        such information and may release the information to the public  
1315        in any manner deemed appropriate, unless the information is  
1316        confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
1317        the State Constitution.

1318        (4) This section authorizes the department or any law  
1319        enforcement agency to ~~may~~ notify the community and the public of  
1320        a career offender's presence in the community. However, with  
1321        respect to a career offender who has been found to be a sexual  
1322        predator under s. 775.21, the Department of Law Enforcement or  
1323        any other law enforcement agency must inform the community and  
1324        the public of the sexual predator's ~~career offender's~~ presence  
1325        in the community, as provided in s. 775.21.

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1326 (5) An elected or appointed official, public employee,  
1327 school administrator or employee, or agency, or any individual  
1328 or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of any law  
1329 enforcement agency, is immune from civil liability for damages  
1330 resulting from the good faith compliance with the requirements  
1331 of this section or the release of information under this  
1332 section.

1333      **Section 5.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.