

SEX OFFENDER LAW QUICK REFERENCE

40-39-201 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

*Explains why the registry was created.

40-39-202 PART DEFINITIONS

Defines things like “convictions”, “parent”, “primary and secondary residences”, etc.

Also lists Sexual Offenses and Violent Sexual Offenses.

40-39-203 Offender Registration – Registration Forms – Contents

Lists registration requirements for offenders living, working, or attending school in TN.

Lists info and documents required for registration purposes.

40-39-204 Entering required data on SOR for verification, identification, and enforcement -- Reporting to up-date information or registration form -- Administrative costs -- TBI as central repository -- Tolling of registration requirements -- Exemptions.

SOR registration, reporting and updates, Fees, Keeper of the Records, exemptions.

40-39-205. Creation and distribution of forms -- Acknowledgement forms.

TBI is responsible for creation and distribution of forms.

40-39-206. Centralized record system -- Reporting -- Violations -- Confidentiality of certain registration information -- Immunity from liability -- Public information regarding offenders.

TBI shall establish, maintain and update a centralized record system of offender registration, verification and tracking information.

TBI maintains the public website for the Sex Offender Registry.

40-39-207. Request for termination of registration requirements -- Tolling of reporting period -- Review of decisions to deny termination of reporting requirements -- Lifetime registration.

Explains the termination process, including requesting termination, requirements to be removed, review of decisions to approve or deny termination, and lifetime registration.

40-39-208. Violations -- Penalty -- Venue -- Providing records for prosecution.

Covers violations of the registry and includes penalties, venue, and providing certified copies of offender records for prosecution.

40-39-209. Removing records from SOR.

Removal from the registry due to expungment.

40-39-210. Death of offender.

Submit a copy of the death certificate, police incident/accident report, coroner's report or Social Security Death Index.

TBI will remove the offender from SOR and NCIC upon receipt of proof.

40-39-211. Residential and work restrictions.

Includes 1000' ft. rule, living with minors, being on school grounds, attending school functions and parent/teacher conferences, dropping off or picking up children, # of offenders allowed to live together.

40-39-212. Registration requirement.

An offender is required to register in TN upon a plea of guilty or finding of guilt by a judge or jury.

This section also covers diversions.

40-39-213. Possession of offender identification required.

Every offender required to register shall be responsible for obtaining a valid driver license or photo identification card no later than sixty (60) days from the date of Initial registration.

40-39-214. Providing information in registry.

TBI shall provide all information in the registry about the offender that is made public.

**40-39-215. Offenses -- Sexual offenders, violent sexual offenders, or violent juvenile sexual offenders -
- Defense.**

Covers restrictions on Halloween, working unsupervised with minors, operating an ice cream truck or emergency vehicle.

40-39-216. Restricting access to public library.

Public library directors shall have the authority to reasonably restrict the access of any person listed on the sexual offender registry.