

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1235**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Tackey Chan*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating sex offender registration in the 21st century.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
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<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1235) of Tackey Chan and others for legislation to regulate sex offender registration in the 21st century. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1252 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act regulating sex offender registration in the 21st century.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 178C of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Agency”, the following  
3 new definition:- “Electronic alias, address and domain”, any electronic mail, website  
4 registrations, messaging and chat service aliases, websites and domains either personally owned  
5 and operated or otherwise owned and operated by a third party with the purpose of displaying,  
6 soliciting or otherwise posting information, entries and aliases associated with either web-based  
7 applications and databases, or aliases used and/or stored on personal computers that may be  
8 transmitted for use during any communication.

9 SECTION 2. Section 178D of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subparagraph (a) by inserting after the words “aliases  
11 used,” in line 11 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains

12 SECTION 3. Section 178D of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
13 further amended in the second paragraph by inserting after clause (i) in line 37 the following new  
14 clause:- ( \_ ) the offender’s electronic aliases, addresses and domains;

15 SECTION 4. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
16 further amended by inserting after the words “the sex offender’s name,” in line 28 the  
17 following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

18 SECTION 5. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
19 further amended by inserting after the words “failure to do so” in line 56 the following:- , to give  
20 notice of a change of electronic alias, address or domain, or the addition of an electronic alias,  
21 address or domain and the penalties for failure to do so

22 SECTION 6. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
23 further amended in paragraph (b) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line 66  
24 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

25 SECTION 7. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
26 further amended in paragraph (c) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in lines 99-  
27 100 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

28 SECTION 8. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
29 further amended in paragraph (g) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line 149  
30 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

31 SECTION 9. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
32 further amended in paragraph (h) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in lines  
33 166-167 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

34 SECTION 10. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
35 hereby further amended in paragraph (l) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in  
36 lines 212-223 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

37 SECTION 11. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
38 hereby further amended in paragraph (o) by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in  
39 line 246 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

40 SECTION 12. Section 178E of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
41 hereby further amended in paragraph (q) by inserting after the words “the student’s name,” in  
42 line 272 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

43 SECTION 13. Section 178F of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
44 further amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in  
45 lines 6-7 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

46 SECTION 14. Section 178F of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
47 further amended in the first paragraph by inserting after the words “sex offender’s name,” in line  
48 17 the following:- all electronic aliases, addresses and domains,

49 SECTION 15. Section 178H of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
50 hereby further amended in paragraph (a) by inserting after clause (iii) in line 3 the following new  
51 clause:- ( \_ ) fails to give notice of a change of electronic alias, address or domain, or the  
52 addition of an electronic alias, address or domain;

53 SECTION 16. Section 178J of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
54 further amended in clause (1) of paragraph (b) by inserting after the words “specific individual  
55 by name” in line 26 the following:- , electronic alias, address or domain

56 SECTION 17. Section 178J of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
57 further amended in paragraph (c) by inserting after clause (1) the following new clause:- ( \_ ) all  
58 electronic aliases, addresses and domains;

59 SECTION 18. Section 178K of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
60 hereby further amended in subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) by inserting after clause (i) in line  
61 148 the following new clause:- ( \_ ) all electronic aliases, addresses and domains;