

HOUSE No. 1378

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>Tackey Chan</i> | <i>2nd Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Michael Morrissey</i> | <i>Office of the Norfolk District Attorney 45 Shawmut Rd., Canton, MA 02021</i> |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> |

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1378) of Tackey Chan and others for legislation to further regulate sex offender registration. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 744 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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 2016
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 2016
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subparagraph (a) by inserting after the words “aliases
11 used,” in line 12 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 40 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 lines 38-39 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 71 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 82
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
27 118-119 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 lines
30 172-173 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 line 192
33 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 line 243 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 279 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 307 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 line
45 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 19 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 lines 3-4 the following
51 new 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 28 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) in line 50 the following new
58 clause:- (_) all 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
61 158 the following new clause:- (_) all electronic aliases, addresses and domains;