

**SENATE . . . . . No. 894**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 relative to sex offender classification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Richard J. Ross*

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 894) of Richard J. Ross and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to sex offender classification. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1168 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 relative to sex offender classification.

*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 178E of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (q) the following subsection:-

3 (r) The sex offender registry board shall prioritize the registration process of sex  
4 offenders convicted of 1 or more offenses that have been designated a sexually violent offense or  
5 sex offenses against a child, in accordance with the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children  
6 and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, 42 U.S.C. section 14071, requiring by operation  
7 of law a minimum Level 1 life time registration for those convicted as adults and 20 year  
8 registration for those adjudicated as juveniles.