

House Bill 2397

Sponsored by Representative LEVY B (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act changes how data about some sex offenders is released. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).

Directs the Department of State Police to release sex offender information for level two sex offenders to certain entities on a website maintained by the department.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to sex offender information; amending ORS 163A.215.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 163A.215 is amended to read:

5 163A.215. (1)(a) A notifying agency or a supervising agency shall release, upon request, any in-
6 formation that may be necessary to protect the public concerning sex offenders who reside in a
7 specific area or concerning a specific sex offender.

8 (b) A notifying agency or a supervising agency may release sex offender information to a law
9 enforcement agency if the notifying agency or supervising agency determines that the release of
10 information is in the public interest.

11 (c) In addition to the release of information described in this subsection and ORS 137.540,
12 144.260 and 441.373, a notifying agency or a supervising agency may release sex offender information
13 to the public in accordance with subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

14 (2) If the sex offender is classified as a level three sex offender under ORS 163A.100 (3):

15 (a) The Department of State Police shall release sex offender information on a website main-
16 tained by the department; and

17 (b) The supervising agency or a notifying agency may release sex offender information to:

18 (A) A person that resides with the sex offender;

19 (B) A person with whom the sex offender has a significant relationship;

20 (C) Residential neighbors and churches, community parks, schools and child care centers, con-
21 venience stores, businesses and other places that children or other potential victims may frequent;

22 (D) A long term care facility, as defined in ORS 442.015, or a residential care facility, as defined
23 in ORS 443.400, if the agency knows that the sex offender is seeking admission to the facility; and

24 (E) Local or regional media sources.

25 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(a) of this section, the Department of State Police may not use
26 the Internet to make available to the public information concerning a sex offender classified as a
27 level three sex offender under ORS 163A.100 (3) while the person is under the supervision of the
28 Psychiatric Security Review Board, unless the department is authorized to do so by a request of the
29 supervising agency.

30 (4) If the sex offender is classified as a level two sex offender under ORS 163A.100 (2)[,]:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) The supervising agency or a notifying agency may release sex offender information to the
2 persons or entities described in subsection (2)(b)(A) to (D) of this section.

3 **(b) The Department of State Police shall release sex offender information to an entity**
4 **described in subsection (2)(b)(C) or (D) of this section on a website maintained by the de-**
5 **partment.**

6 (5) If the sex offender is classified as a level one sex offender under ORS 163A.100 (1), the
7 supervising agency or a notifying agency may release sex offender information to a person described
8 in subsection (2)(b)(A) of this section.

9 (6) As used in this section:

10 (a) “Notifying agency” means the Department of State Police, a city police department, a county
11 sheriff’s office or a police department established by a university under ORS 352.121.

12 (b) “Sex offender information” means information that the Department of State Police deter-
13 mines by rule is appropriate for release to the public.

14 (c) “Supervising agency” means a governmental entity responsible for supervising a person re-
15 quired to report as a sex offender under ORS 163A.010 or 163A.015.

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