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RE: Sex Offender Loopholes
DT: 20 October 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am very pleased that the Legislature has taken proactive steps to improve the safety of our citizens against sexual predators with the closing of the "stay of final classification" loophole. I would like to draw your attention to another loophole and my proposal to close it.

Currently, if a sex offender from another state moves into the Commonwealth and appeals the new MA sex offender level classification, the classification from the other state is not sent to local authorities. In essence, a sex offender from another state is not a sex offender in the Commonwealth during the review process for the appeal, which can last for 6-12 months.

I have filed, on behalf of the group "Protect Mass Children", *H1360, An Act for out of state sex offenders* this bill would ensure that sex offenders moving from other states are required to register in Massachusetts in a manner that closes that loopholes in our law

The text of this bill reads as:

"In the event an out of state sex offender is granted a hearing challenging his or her classification, SORB will continue to transmit the most current registration and classification data to the police department in the municipality where such sex offender intends to live and work and, if the sex offender intends to work at or become a student at an institution of higher learning, to the police departments in the municipalities where the sex offender will work or attend such institution and shall transmit the same to the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Additionally, my bill *H1360* closes loopholes on the definition of what constitutes the legal definition of residency and therefore an address needed to be on record with the local police department.

I ask that you consider further amending Massachusetts General Law to include my bill to help further close the loopholes in our current sex offender laws.

I would be happy to meet with you to further discuss my proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux