

Senate Bill 320

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Robertson of the 29th, Cowsert of the 46th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, so as to provide a penalty for
3 persons who are classified as sexually dangerous predators who fail to verify or update
4 registration information as required by law; to provide for related matters; to provide an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, is amended by revising subsection (n) of Code
10 Section 42-1-12, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, as follows:

11 "(n) Any individual who:

12 (1) Is required to register under this Code section and who fails to comply with the
13 requirements of this Code section;

14 (2) Is required to verify or update his or her required registration information pursuant
15 to subsection (f) of Code Section 42-1-14 and who fails to comply with such
16 requirements;

17 ~~(2)~~(3) Provides false information; or

18 ~~(3)~~(4) Fails to respond directly to the sheriff of the county where he or she resides or
19 sleeps within 72 hours prior to such individual's birthday

20 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor
21 more than 30 years; provided, however, that upon the conviction of the second or
22 subsequent offense under this subsection, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment
23 for not less than five nor more than 30 years."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said article is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 42-1-14, relating
26 to risk assessment classification, classification as "sexually dangerous predator", and
27 electronic monitoring, as follows:

28 "(f) In addition to the requirements of registration for all sexual offenders, a sexually
29 dangerous predator shall report to the sheriff of the county where such predator resides six
30 months following his or her birth month and update or verify his or her required
31 registration information. A violation of this Code section shall be punished as provided for
32 in subsection (n) of Code Section 42-1-12."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

35 **SECTION 4.**

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.