

Proposed Amendments to Act 7372

Section 6, Sub-Section (6) (amending the introductory sentence of Section 1724(b) of Title 14 of the VI Code by deletion and replacement):

(b) All sex offenders required to register in this jurisdiction shall appear in person at the Department of Justice or provide notice in writing to the Department of Justice to report the following changes within the prescribed period in accordance with the following:

Section 6, Sub-Section (6) (amending Section 1724(b)(1) of Title 14 of the VI Code by deletion and replacement):

(1) Except as indicated in Section 1724(b)(4) below, all sex offenders required to register in this jurisdiction shall appear in person at, or provide notice in writing to, the Department of Justice, within three (3) business days after a change is made to update any changes to their name, residence (including termination of residency), temporary lodging information, vehicle information, internet identifiers, or telephone numbers. In the event of a change in temporary lodging, all sex offenders required to register in this jurisdiction shall within three (3) business days inform the Department of Justice, in person or in writing of any changes to their temporary lodging information and both the sex offender and the Department of Justice shall notify within three (3) business days the jurisdiction in which the sex offender will be temporarily staying.

Section 6, Sub-Section (6)(amending Section 1724(b)(4) of Title 14 of the VI Code by deletion and replacement):

(4) All sex offenders required to register in this jurisdiction shall appear in person at the Department of justice at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to any intended travel outside the United States, and provide information about their intended travel as provided in Section 1726(b)(19); provided, however, that a sex offender who provides reasonable and reliable proof that he or she travels outside the Virgin islands ten (10) times or more per year for work or other legitimate purposes shall notify the Department of Justice in writing at least twenty four (24) hours before traveling outside of the United States, and a sex offender who must travel outside of the United States for emergency purposes shall notify the Department of Justice in writing prior to departure, and, in any such case, shall notify the Department of Justice in writing upon the sex offender's return to this jurisdiction; and provided further, that the Attorney General may at his discretion reduce the twenty-one (21) day notice requirement if a sex offender requests such a reduction and provides information in support of the request.

Section 9, Sub-Sections (2) (16) and (2)(19) (revision to Sections 1726(b)(16) and (19) by deletion and replacement):

(16) Within twenty-one (21) days prior to travel for seven (7) days or more, a sex offender shall provide the following information to the Department of Justice, provided, however, that a sex offender who provides reasonable and reliable proof that he or she travels outside of the Virgin Islands ten (10) times or more per year for work or other legitimate purposes shall provide such information to the Department of Justice in writing at least twenty four (24) hours before traveling outside of the Virgin Islands, and a sex offender that must travel for seven (7) days or more for emergency purposes shall provide such information to the Department of Justice in writing prior to departure from the Virgin Islands; and provided further, that the Attorney General may at his discretion reduce the twenty-one (21) day notice requirement if a sex offender requests such a reduction and provides information in support of the request:

(i) identifying information of the temporary lodging locations, including addresses, or, in the case of a sex offender who provides reasonable and reliable proof to the Department of Justice that he or she travels outside of the Virgin Islands ten (10) times or more per year for work or other legitimate purposes, reliable information regarding general travel locations and areas of work in lieu of specific addresses, and contact telephone information at which the sex offender can be contacted without unreasonable delay at all times while traveling away from the Virgin Islands , and

(ii) the time periods the sex offender will be staying at each temporary lodging location, or in such general locations and areas of work.

(iii) Upon the request of a sex offender, the Attorney General at his discretion may require other information in lieu of the above information.

(19) At the times and in the manner prescribed in Section 1724(b)(4), a sex offender shall provide to the Department of Justice the information listed below:

(i) identifying information of the temporary lodging locations, including addresses, or, in the case of a sex offender who provides reasonable and reliable proof to the Department of Justice that he or she travels outside of the Virgin Islands ten (10) times or more per year for work or other legitimate purposes, reliable information regarding general travel locations and areas of work in lieu of specific addresses, and contact telephone information at which the sex offender can be contacted without unreasonable delay at all times while traveling outside of the United States, and

(ii) the time periods the sex offender will be staying at each temporary lodging location, or in such general locations and areas of work.

(iii) Upon the request of a sex offender, the Attorney General at his discretion may require other information in lieu of the above information.