

Megan's Law

The Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA), commonly referred to as Megan's Law, requires anyone on parole or probation or imprisoned for a sex offense on January 21, 1996, to register with the Division of Criminal Justice Services. In addition, sex offenders sentenced to probation, local jail, or state prison after that date must register upon their return to the community. In 1999, eight new offenses were added to the list of registerable offenses. Any person on parole or probation or imprisoned for one of these offenses on January 1, 2000, as well as any person who is convicted of one of the new offenses on or after that date, must also register. On March 11, 2002 seven new offenses were added to the list of registerable offenses, three misdemeanors and four felonies. Any person who commits one of the misdemeanor offenses on or after March 11, 2002 and is subsequently convicted of that offense must register. Any person on parole or probation or imprisoned for one of the felony offenses on March 11, 2002, as well as any person who is convicted of one of the new offenses on or after that date, must also register. The law is amended periodically by the New York State Legislature to add additional registerable offenses.

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