

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Martin J. Golden

Senator Golden: State Senate Fights Against Sex Offenders Who Register False Information

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Cites Assembly Inaction as a Failure for All New Yorkers

Brooklyn – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, 22nd District) is announcing that legislation he co-sponsored, S. 1927 introduced by Senator James Alesi (R-C-I, 55th District), was approved by the New York State Senate today.

The bill would make it so that offenders who submit fraudulent information regarding his or her identity or residence when registering, or verifying, would be charged with a Class E Felony. Currently, Megan's Law only provides a penalty for failure to register.

Senator Golden stated, "It is just as dangerous for sex offenders to register with false information, as it is to not be registered at all. This bill will give law enforcement the ability to prosecute those who attempt to go undetected within our society. We can no longer permit such individuals to live amongst us, and I believe this new penalty will deter those who may try to hide."

Golden continued, "I ask that the State Assembly makes passage of this bill a priority this session. For years, they have failed to stand up and protect all New Yorkers and our families by not passing this bill. If this bill was to become law, it would prevent acts of obscurity that threaten us."

The bill was sent to the Assembly.