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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. VENDITTO, FUNKE, MURPHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to authorizing munici
palities to establish residency restrictions for sex offenders

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and

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bly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Legislative findings. It is the sense of the legislature
- $2\,$ that determinations regarding restrictions upon the residence of sex
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ offenders who are required to register pursuant to the provisions of
- $4\,$ article 6-C of the correction law should be made by the local munici-
- 5 pality in which such offenders reside since municipalities are in a
- $\ensuremath{\text{6}}$ better position than the state, after taking into consideration local
- $\,$ 7 $\,$ conditions and after determining what $\,$ entities $\,$ with $\,$ vulnerable popu-
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$ lations would require protection from registered sex offenders, to make
 - 9 such determinations.
- 10 $\,$ § 2. Section 168-w of the correction law, as relettered by chapter 604
- 11 of the laws of 2005, is redesignated section 168-x and a new section $\,$
 - 12 168-w is added to read as follows:
- 13 § 168-w. Municipal residency restrictions. Any municipality may enact
- 14 a local law which imposes residency restrictions upon sex offenders
- 15 $\,$ required to register pursuant to this article, provided that such resi-

- 16 dency restrictions are no less restrictive than the requirements

 set

 17 forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision four-a of section 65.10 of

 the

 18 penal law and subdivision fourteen of section two hundred fifty
 nine-c

 19 of the executive law.
 - § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in $\underline{italics}$ (underscored) is new; matter in brackets $[-] \ \text{is old law to be omitted.}$