
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COVERED OFFENDER REGISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii supreme court, in its ruling in
2 *Doe v. Connors*, 145 Haw. 469, 454 P.3d 410 (2019), held that
3 Doe, who was required to register as a sex offender in the State
4 of Washington, was not required to register as a covered sex
5 offender under Hawaii law. Doe had been convicted in
6 Washington for communication with a minor for an immoral
7 purpose. The Hawaii supreme court held that the offense did
8 not match any of Hawaii's covered offenses, including
9 solicitation to engage in sexual conduct with a minor who is
10 less than fourteen years old.

11 As a result of the *Doe* decision, a person who visits
12 Hawaii for more than ten days or visits Hawaii for an
13 aggregate period exceeding thirty days per year does not need
14 to register as a covered offender in Hawaii if the person's
15 out-of-state conviction does not correspond to a covered
16 offense under Hawaii law.



1 The purpose of this Act is to comply with the purpose and
2 intent of the sex offender registration laws of Hawaii by
3 requiring those persons who have been designated as a covered
4 offender, sex offender, offender against minors, repeat covered
5 offender, sexually violent predator, or any other sexual
6 offender designation in another state or jurisdiction, and were,
7 as a result, subject to registration in that state or
8 jurisdiction, or would be if residing in that state or
9 jurisdiction, to be subject to registration requirements in
10 Hawaii.

11 SECTION 2. Section 846E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) A person who establishes or maintains a residence
14 in this State or who remains in this State for more than ten
15 days or for an aggregate period exceeding thirty days in one
16 calendar year, and who has not been designated as a covered
17 offender by a court of this State but who has been designated
18 as a covered offender, sex offender, offender against minors,
19 repeat covered offender, sexually violent predator, or any
20 other sexual offender designation in another state or
21 jurisdiction and was, as a result of [~~such~~] the designation,



1 subjected to registration or community or public
2 notification, or both, or would be if the person was a
3 resident of that state or jurisdiction, without regard to
4 whether the person otherwise meets the criteria for
5 registration as a covered offender, shall register in the
6 manner provided in this section [~~and shall be subject to~~
7 ~~community and public notification as provided in~~
8 ~~section 846E-3~~]. A person who meets the criteria of this
9 subsection is subject to the requirements of this chapter for
10 covered offenders and penalty provisions of section 846E-9
11 until the person successfully petitions [~~the attorney general~~
12 ~~for termination of registration requirements by~~]:

13 (1) [~~Providing~~] The attorney general for termination of
14 registration requirements by providing an order
15 issued by the court that designated the person as a
16 covered offender, sex offender, offender against
17 minors, repeat covered offender, sexually violent
18 predator, or any other sexual offender designation
19 in the state or jurisdiction in which the order was
20 issued, which states that [~~such~~] the designation has
21 been removed or demonstrates to the attorney general



1 that ~~[such]~~ the designation, if not imposed by a
2 court, has been removed by operation of law or court
3 order in the state or jurisdiction in which the
4 designation was made, and ~~[such]~~ the person does not
5 meet the criteria for registration as a covered
6 offender under the laws of this State~~[, or]~~. If the
7 person is not satisfied with the decision of the
8 attorney general on the request for termination of
9 registration requirements, the person may appeal the
10 decision pursuant to chapter 91; or

11 (2) ~~[Demonstrating that the out-of-state convictions~~
12 ~~upon which the sexual offender designation was~~
13 ~~established are not covered offenses under~~
14 ~~section 846E-1, thereby showing that such person~~
15 ~~does not meet the criteria for registration as a~~
16 ~~covered offender under the laws of this State.] The~~
17 court for termination of registration requirements
18 pursuant to section 846E-10.

19 ~~[If the covered offender is not satisfied with the decision~~
20 ~~of the attorney general on the request for termination of~~



1 ~~registration requirements, the covered offender may appeal~~
2 ~~the decision pursuant to chapter 91.]"~~

3 SECTION 3. Section 846E-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§846E-10 Termination of registration requirements.** (a)
6 Tier 3 offenses. A covered offender whose covered offense is
7 any of the following offenses shall register for life and,
8 except as provided in subsection (e), may not petition the
9 court, in a civil proceeding, for termination of registration
10 requirements:

- 11 (1) Any offense set forth in section 707-730(1)(a), (b),
12 (d), or (e) [~~τ~~]; 707-731(1)(a) or (b) [~~τ~~];
13 707-732(1)(a), (b), or (f) [~~τ~~]; or 707-733.6;
- 14 (2) An offense set forth in section 707-720; provided that
15 the offense involves kidnapping of a minor by someone
16 other than a parent;
- 17 (3) An offense that is an attempt, criminal solicitation,
18 or criminal conspiracy to commit any of the offenses
19 in paragraph (1) or (2);
- 20 (4) Any criminal offense that is comparable to one of the
21 offenses in paragraph (1), (2), or (3); or



1 (5) Any federal, military, out-of-state, tribal, or
2 foreign offense that is comparable to one of the
3 offenses in paragraph (1), (2), or (3).

4 (b) A repeat covered offender shall register for life and,
5 except as provided in subsection (e), may not petition the
6 court, in a civil proceeding, for termination of registration
7 requirements.

8 (c) Tier 2 offenses. A covered offender who has
9 maintained a clean record for the previous twenty-five years,
10 excluding any time the offender was in custody or civilly
11 committed, and who has substantially complied with the
12 registration requirements of this chapter for the previous
13 twenty-five years, or for the portion of that twenty-five years
14 that this chapter has been applicable, and who is not a repeat
15 covered offender may petition the court, in a civil proceeding,
16 for termination of registration requirements; provided that the
17 covered offender's most serious covered offense is one of the
18 following:

19 (1) Any offense set forth in section 707-730(1)(c),
20 707-731(1)(c), 707-732(1)(c), 707-750, 707-751, 712-
21 1202, or 712-1203(1)(b), as section 712-1203(1)(b)



- 1 read [~~prior to~~] before its amendment pursuant to
2 section 9 of Act 147, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008;
- 3 (2) An offense set forth in section 707-720; provided that
4 the charging document for the offense for which there
5 has been a conviction alleged intent to subject the
6 victim to a sexual offense;
- 7 (3) An offense set forth in section 707-756 that includes
8 an intent to promote or facilitate the commission of
9 another felony covered offense as defined in
10 section 846E-1;
- 11 (4) An offense that is an attempt, criminal solicitation,
12 or criminal conspiracy to commit any of the offenses
13 in paragraph (1), (2), or (3);
- 14 (5) Any criminal offense that is comparable to one of the
15 offenses in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4); or
- 16 (6) Any federal, military, out-of-state, tribal, or
17 foreign offense that is comparable to one of the
18 offenses in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4).
- 19 (d) Tier 1 offenses. A covered offender who has
20 maintained a clean record for the previous ten years, excluding
21 any time the offender was in custody or civilly committed, and



1 who has substantially complied with the registration
2 requirements of this chapter for the previous ten years, or for
3 the portion of that ten years that this chapter has been
4 applicable, and who is not a repeat covered offender may
5 petition the court, in a civil proceeding, for termination of
6 registration requirements; provided that the covered offender's
7 most serious covered offense is one of the following:

- 8 (1) Any offense set forth in section 707-732(1)(d) or (e),
9 707-733(1)(a), 707-752, 707-759, 711-1110.9,
10 712-1203(1), or 712-1209.1;
- 11 (2) An offense set forth in section 707-721 or 707-722;
12 provided that the offense involves unlawful
13 imprisonment of a minor by someone other than a
14 parent;
- 15 (3) An offense set forth in section 707-757 that includes
16 an intent to promote or facilitate the commission of
17 another covered offense as defined in section 846E-1;
- 18 (4) An offense that is an attempt, criminal solicitation,
19 or criminal conspiracy to commit any of the offenses
20 in paragraph (1), (2), or (3);



- 1 (5) Any criminal offense that is comparable to one of the
2 offenses in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4);
- 3 (6) Any federal, military, out-of-state, tribal, or
4 foreign offense that is comparable to one of the
5 offenses in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4); or
- 6 (7) Any other covered offense that is not specified in
7 subsection (a) or (c) or paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4),
8 (5), or (6).
- 9 (e) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section,
10 any covered offender, forty years after the covered offender's
11 date of release or sentencing, whichever is later, for the
12 covered offender's most recent covered offense, may petition the
13 court, in a civil proceeding, for termination of registration
14 requirements.
- 15 (f) In the civil proceeding for termination of
16 registration requirements, the State shall be represented by the
17 attorney general; provided that the attorney general, with the
18 prosecuting agency's consent, may designate the prosecuting
19 agency that prosecuted the covered offender for the most recent
20 covered offense within the State to represent the State. For
21 covered offenders who have never been convicted of a covered



1 offense within the State [~~of Hawaii~~], the attorney general shall
2 represent the State; provided that the attorney general, with
3 the prosecuting agency's consent, may designate the prosecuting
4 agency for the county in which the covered offender resides to
5 represent the State. The court may order this termination upon
6 substantial evidence and more than proof by a preponderance of
7 the evidence that:

8 (1) The covered offender has met the statutory
9 requirements of eligibility to petition for
10 termination;

11 (2) The covered offender has substantially complied with
12 registration requirements;

13 (3) The covered offender is very unlikely to commit a
14 covered offense ever again; and

15 (4) Registration by the covered offender will not assist
16 in protecting the safety of the public or any member
17 thereof.

18 (g) [~~A denial by the court for relief pursuant to a~~
19 ~~petition under this section shall preclude the filing of another~~
20 ~~petition for five years from the date of the last denial.~~] A
21 person who does not meet the criteria for registration as a



1 covered offender under the laws of this State, but is subject to
2 registration pursuant to section 846E-2(b), may petition the
3 court, in a civil proceeding, for termination of registration
4 requirements; provided that the person has maintained a clean
5 record for the previous ten years, excluding any time the person
6 was in custody or civilly committed; has substantially complied
7 with the registration requirements of this chapter for the
8 previous ten years; and was not designated a repeat covered
9 offender in any state or jurisdiction. The attorney general
10 shall represent the State; provided that the attorney general,
11 with the prosecuting agency's consent, may designate the
12 prosecuting agency for the county in which the person resides to
13 represent the State. The court may order this termination upon
14 substantial evidence and more than proof by a preponderance of
15 the evidence that:

- 16 (1) The person has met the statutory requirements of
17 eligibility to petition for termination;
18 (2) The person has substantially complied with
19 registration requirements;
20 (3) The person is very unlikely to commit a covered
21 offense; and



1 (4) Registration by the person will not assist in
2 protecting the safety of the public or any member
3 thereof.

4 (h) A denial by the court for relief pursuant to a
5 petition under this section shall preclude the filing of another
6 petition for five years from the date of the last denial."

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Covered Offender Registration; Out-of-State Covered Offender Designations

Description:

Repeals provision that allows persons designated as covered offenders in another state or jurisdiction to petition the attorney general for termination of registration requirements upon demonstrating that the out of state convictions are not covered offenses in the State of Hawaii. Requires certain long-term visitors to Hawaii with out-of-state convictions to register pursuant to section 846E-2(b), HRS. Clarifies how persons required to register pursuant to section 846E-2(b), HRS, can petition to terminate registration. (HD1)

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