



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Rights Afforded to Sex Registrants by California Senate Bill (SB) 384

The purpose of this Department Notice is to describe the rights afforded to sex registrants by California Senate Bill (SB) 384, which took effect on January 1st, 2021.


The bill changes the previous lifelong registry system mandated for all sex offenders to a tier-based system where certain offenders who file a petition and meet specific criteria can be eligible to be removed from the list. SB 384 establishes three tiers (time lengths) of registration for adults: Tier 1 is 10 years, Tier 2 is 20 years, Tier 3 is lifelong. The bill establishes two tiers for juvenile registrants: Tier 1 is 5 years and Tier 2 is 10 years; refer to penal code section 290(e) for minimum registration requirements.

Beginning after a sex offender's birthday, starting on 07/01/21, if a sex offender believes they meet their mandatory minimum requirements listed in SB 384, they may petition the superior court or juvenile court in their county of residence for termination of their California sex offender registration requirement.

Registrants in San Francisco can obtain further information regarding the petition process and/or inquire about their "Tier Level Designation" when they register at the HOJ, 850 Bryant Street, rm 475 "Identification Bureau" or by contacting the Sex Offender Unit at (415) 553-9203.

The San Francisco Public Defender's Office **Clean Slate Program** can be contacted at (415) 553-9337 or at their website: [Clean Slate | San Francisco Public Defender's Office \(sfpublicdefender.org/services/clean-slate/\)](https://sfpublicdefender.org/services/clean-slate/). They can provide additional assistance related to SB 384 and will assist registrants with petitioning the courts in San Francisco.

If a sex offender has successfully petitioned the courts and is no longer required to register, this information will be indicated in the (CLETS) California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System history of the registrant.


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Per DN 20-150, all sworn & non-sworn members shall electronically acknowledge this Department document in PowerDMS. Members whose duties are relevant to this document shall be held responsible for compliance. Any questions regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org who will provide additional information.