 Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of corrections to create and maintain an Internet web site on which information is posted about Level III sex offenders. The bill also provides that harassment that involves the repeated sending of letters, telegrams, packages, and messages includes the sending of these items by electronic means.

Section
1 Law enforcement agency; disclosure of information to public. Requires a law enforcement agency that is disclosing information about a level III offender to the public to provide the commissioner of corrections with the information that is being disclosed. Specifies that this information must be disclosed within two days of the agency’s determination. Requires the commissioner to post the information on the Internet as provided in section 2.

2 Level III offenders; mandatory posting of information on Internet. Requires the commissioner of corrections to create and maintain an Internet web site to post information about Level III offenders to be posted on the site. Requires this information to be updated in a timely manner to account for changes in the offender's address. Specifies that the information must be maintained during the entire time the offender is subject to community notification as a level III offender.

3 Harassment and stalking crimes. Current law criminalizes harassing conduct by a person who repeatedly mails or delivers or causes the delivery of letters, telegrams, messages, packages, or other objects. This bill specifies that this conduct can occur by any means, including electronic means.

4 Misdemeanors. Current law provides a misdemeanor penalty to a person who, with the intent to abuse, disturb, or cause distress, mails or delivers letters, telegrams, or packages. This bill specifies that the conduct can occur by any means, including electronic means, and that the law also applies to one who causes the delivery of these items.
Effective date. Sections 1 and 2 apply to all offenders classified at risk level III on or after that date. Sections 3 and 4 are effective the day following final enactment.