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## Senator Bonacic Announces Passage of S. 1608 Which Toughens Penalties for Sex Offenders

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Senator Bonacic announces the Senate passage of legislation he sponsored (S.1608), which requires sex offenders to report secondary residences or domiciles to any police department within ten days. At present, there is a section on the sex offender registration form to list a second residence, but completing this section is not required by law.

In addition, this legislation clarifies the definition of “residence” or “domicile,” to mean “any place where an offender intends to reside on either a full time or part time basis.”

“This is a necessary piece of legislation because many times offenders spend significant amounts of time at residences other than their registered primary domicile or residence,” said Senator Bonacic. “That means the local police and the residents, families, and school officials are not informed of an offender in their community. This puts our children at risk. This bill will fix that loophole. I would like to thank Town of Wallkill Supervisor, Dan Depew for his advocacy to see this issue is addressed.”

The bill now moves to the Assembly for a vote.