

HB 597 -- SEXUAL OFFENDERS

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This bill requires a lodging establishment that knows a registered sexual offender is staying on the premises to conspicuously post in a prominent and visible area behind the registration desk a sign informing potential customers that there are one or more registered sexual offenders staying on the premises. When a customer makes a reservation over the phone or Internet the lodging establishment shall inform the customer at the time the reservation is made if there are any registered sexual offenders staying on or scheduled to stay at the premises.

The bill specifies that a registered sexual offender may not stay at a lodging establishment without informing the establishment that he or she is a registered sexual offender. A violation of this provision is a class D misdemeanor, and each night a person stays at the establishment without informing the establishment is a separate violation.

This bill is similar to HB 2418 (2018).