

# Mississippi

## *Brief Synopsis*

### **Sex Offender Registration Requirements**

Any offender moving to or returning to the state of Mississippi from another jurisdiction must notify the Department of Public Safety within ten (10) days from date the offender arrived in Mississippi. All offenders must personally appear at the Department of Public Safety Driver's License Station. Upon any change of address, employment or vocation at any institution of higher learning, the offender must register or re-register within ten (10) days from date the offender changed address or employment. The offender must show proof of domicile at the time of registration. Any driver's license photograph, I.D. photograph, sex offender photograph, finger print, driver's license application and/or anything submitted to the Department of Public Safety by a known convicted sex offender, registered or not registered, can be used by the Department of Public Safety or other authorized law enforcement agency for any means necessary in registration, identification, investigation regarding tracking or identification of offenders. All registrants are required to personally appear at a Department of Public Safety Driver's License Station to reregister every ninety (90) days. If an offender fails to personally appear at a DPS Driver's License Station or to provide any registration or other information, including, but not limited to, initial registration, re-registration or change of address information, or required notification to a volunteer organization, as required by this chapter, is a violation of the law. A violation of the sex offender registration law is a felony and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 or imprisonment not to exceed five (5) years, or both fine and imprisonment. Effective July 1, 2005, the DPS may adopt regulations to establish fees to be charged to registrants for registration, re-registration, and verification or change of address. In addition, any person convicted of a sex offense must notify any organization for which the offender volunteers and the volunteers who have direct, private or unsupervised contact with minors. Volunteers must require the offender to read and sign a form stating that the offender has a duty to register under the law. Sections 45-33-27, 45-33-29, 45-33-31, 45-33-33 and 45-33-35, MS Code of 1972, to Require Sex Offenders Who Are Subject To The Sex Offender Registration Requirements To Fulfill All Registration, Re-registration, And Update Or Verification Requirements By Personally Appearing At A DPS Driver's License Station; To Amend Section 45-33-57, MS Code of 1972, To Allow Imposition Of Fees To Be Assessed Against Offenders; And For Related Purposes.

### **Sex Offender Special Conditions**

Occasionally, sex offenders released to Mississippi from another jurisdiction will be required to seek sex offender counseling with a private company. The offender must cover all necessary expenses for counseling and/or monitoring equipment, if the offender is required to wear a leg or arm monitor.

### **Additional information**

The Department of Corrections must inform the Police Chief and/or County Sheriff the date the offender is released to community-base supervision, demographics, and address information within ten (10) days from date the offender was released to supervision or arrived in Mississippi.