



Editorial Reclassification of SORNA

SORNA Provisions Moved from Title 42 to Title 34

The U.S. House of Representatives has reclassified the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) effective Sept. 1, 2017.¹ Originally found in Title 42 of the U.S. Code, SORNA’s provisions are now found in Title 34.² Although SORNA’s provisions have moved, the statutory text has not been altered in any way.

SORNA was passed in 2006 as part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act and originally codified at 42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.* The federal failure-to-register statute (18 U.S.C. § 2250) remains in its current location, and has not been reclassified.

In the chart below, the SMART Office has cross-referenced the original Title 42 classification with the new Title 34 classification.

Reclassification Chart

Old Citation	New Citation	Section Header
42 U.S.C. § 16901	34 U.S.C. § 20901	Declaration of purpose
42 U.S.C. § 16902	34 U.S.C. § 20902	Establishment of program
28 U.S.C. § 534 note	34 U.S.C. § 20903	Tribal registry
42 U.S.C. § 16911	34 U.S.C. § 20911	Relevant definitions, including Amie Zyla expansion of sex offender definition and expanded inclusion of child predators
42 U.S.C. § 16912	34 U.S.C. § 20912	Registry requirements for jurisdictions
42 U.S.C. § 16913	34 U.S.C. § 20913	Registry requirements for sex offenders
42 U.S.C. § 16914	34 U.S.C. § 20914	Information required in registration
42 U.S.C. § 16915	34 U.S.C. § 20915	Duration of registration requirement
42 U.S.C. § 16915a	34 U.S.C. § 20916	Direction to the Attorney General
42 U.S.C. § 16915b	34 U.S.C. § 20917	Checking system for social networking websites
42 U.S.C. § 16916	34 U.S.C. § 20918	Periodic in person verification

¹ The Office of the Law Review Counsel, an independent, nonpartisan office in the U.S. House, determines editorial classifications (where new provisions of law will be located) of the U.S. Code, as well as maintains and publishes the code. Periodically, OLRC reorganizes sections of the U.S. Code to make it easier to use.

² <http://uscode.house.gov/editorialreclassification/t34/index.html>

Old Citation	New Citation	Section Header
42 U.S.C. § 16917	34 U.S.C. § 20919	Duty to notify sex offenders of registration requirements and to register
42 U.S.C. § 16918	34 U.S.C. § 20920	Public access to sex offender information through the Internet
42 U.S.C. § 16919	34 U.S.C. § 20921	National Sex Offender Registry
42 U.S.C. § 16920	34 U.S.C. § 20922	Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website
42 U.S.C. § 16921	34 U.S.C. § 20923	Megan Nicole Kanka and Alexandra Nicole Zapp Community Notification Program
42 U.S.C. § 16922	34 U.S.C. § 20924	Actions to be taken when sex offender fails to comply
42 U.S.C. § 16923	34 U.S.C. § 20925	Development and availability of registry management and website software
42 U.S.C. § 16924	34 U.S.C. § 20926	Period for implementation by jurisdictions
42 U.S.C. § 16925	34 U.S.C. § 20927	Failure of jurisdiction to comply
42 U.S.C. § 16926	34 U.S.C. § 20928	Sex Offender Management Assistance (SOMA) program
42 U.S.C. § 16927	34 U.S.C. § 20929	Election by Indian tribes
42 U.S.C. § 16928	34 U.S.C. § 20930	Registration of sex offenders entering the United States
42 U.S.C. § 16928a	34 U.S.C. § 20931	Registration of sex offenders released from military corrections facilities or upon conviction
42 U.S.C. § 16929	34 U.S.C. § 20932	Immunity for good faith conduct
42 U.S.C. § 16941	34 U.S.C. § 20941	Federal assistance with respect to violations of registration requirements
42 U.S.C. § 16942	34 U.S.C. § 20942	Project Safe Childhood
42 U.S.C. § 16943	34 U.S.C. § 20943	Federal assistance in identification and location of sex offenders relocated as a result of a major disaster
42 U.S.C. § 16944	34 U.S.C. § 20944	Expansion of training and technology efforts
42 U.S.C. § 16945	34 U.S.C. § 20945	Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking
International Megan's Law		
42 U.S.C. § 16935	34 U.S.C. § 21501	Findings
42 U.S.C. § 16935a	34 U.S.C. § 21502	Definitions
42 U.S.C. § 16935b	34 U.S.C. § 21503	Angel Watch Center
42 U.S.C. § 16935c	34 U.S.C. § 21504	Notification by the United States Marshals Service
42 U.S.C. § 16935d	34 U.S.C. § 21505	Implementation
42 U.S.C. § 16935e	34 U.S.C. § 21506	Reciprocal notifications
42 U.S.C. § 16935f	34 U.S.C. § 21507	Implementation plan
42 U.S.C. § 16935g	34 U.S.C. § 21508	Technical assistance
42 U.S.C. § 16935h	34 U.S.C. § 21509	Authorization of appropriations
42 U.S.C. § 16935i	34 U.S.C. § 21510	Rule of construction