



# HOUSE BILL 684: Sex Offender Registry Fee.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 684 would require individuals who must register as sex offenders to pay an annual registration fee of \$90 beginning on the date of registration and then on each anniversary of that date.

**CURRENT LAW:** Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is the Sex Offender Registration Program. Currently individuals required to register as sex offenders under Part 2 are not required to pay any fees.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** would amend Part 2 of Article 27A to require all individuals registering under Article 27A to pay a fee of \$90.00 at the time of initial registration. An additional fee of \$90.00 must be paid annually on the anniversary of the offender's initial registration. The annual fee would be paid to the sheriff who received the offender's verification form under G.S. 14-208.9A and used only to offset the costs associated with registration. Sheriffs would be required to register offenders even if they did not pay the fee. At the end of each calendar year, sheriffs must report all fees which have been unpaid for at least a year to the Attorney General, who may collect those fees in a civil action. Upon collection, the Attorney General must deduct the costs of collection, not to exceed 20%, and remit the remaining recovered funds to the appropriate county. Section 1 would not apply to juveniles required to register under Part 4 of Article 27A.

**Section 2** would require probationers under G.S. 15A-1343 who were convicted of either a reportable offense under G.S. 14-208.6(4), or an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor to pay the fees described in Section 1.

**Section 3** would require individuals subject to post-release supervision under G.S. 15A-1368.4 who were convicted of either a reportable offense under G.S. 14-208.6(4), or an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor to pay the fees described in Section 1.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective December 1, 2017. The requirement to pay an initial registration fee would apply to adults who initially register on or after that date. The annual fee requirements would apply to all adults registered under Article 27A on or after that date. The requirements of Sections 2 and 3 would apply to individuals placed on probation or post-release supervision, respectively, after that date.

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