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Overview

This act expands lifetime registration for recidivist offenders to require lifetime registration if the previous offense is one for which registration *would have been* required under the law. Currently, lifetime registration applies only if the previous offense was one for which registration *was* required.

Section

- Registration period.** Amends the lifetime registration provision for recidivist offenders to require lifetime registration if the previous offense is one for which registration was or *would have been* required under the law. Currently, lifetime registration applies only if the previous offense was one for which registration *was* required. This change will result in additional offenders being required to register for life, as it will pick up offenders who committed their previous offense before the registration law existed (before 1991), as well as those offenders whose offense was not listed within the more narrow listing of offenses which previously existed.
- Effective date.** Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to persons who commit crimes requiring lifetime registration on or after that effective date (March 1, 2002).