



SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Dear Probation Departments,

This letter is being sent to advise you that the Governor has signed Senate Bill 3638 (Public Act 97-1098). This legislation makes several modifications to the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board Act (SOMB Act) as well as other related statutes. Many of the changes are indicated below.

Please be advised that as of October 15, 2012, the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board will no longer be reimbursing the counties for sex offender evaluations. Monies collected by the SOMB will be reduced and will be utilized for training purposes. Please ensure that you have reimbursement requests submitted prior to this date.

The legislation creates the "Sex Offender Evaluation and Treatment Provider Act" requiring that all individuals who provide evaluation and/or treatment services to sex offenders, under the SOMB Act, the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act, or the Sexually Violent Persons Act, be licensed and regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR). Three new licenses will be established and they are as follows:

- Sex Offender Evaluator
- Sex Offender Treatment Provider
- Associate Sex Offender Provider – Allows individuals in training to provide services under the supervision of a licensed Evaluator or Provider.

IDFPR can begin issuing these licenses on July 1, 2013 and by January 1, 2014, all evaluation and treatment services for sex offenders, under the SOMB Act, the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act, or the Sexually Violent Persons Act, must be provided by a licensed evaluator or treatment provider. IDFPR has the authority to adopt and implement rules governing this process.

The qualifications for licensure include that the applicant already be licensed by IDFPR in one of several professions including a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical professional counselor, etc., or be working under the supervision of a licensed evaluator or treatment provider and have significant experience working with sex offenders. Specific hours of experience are detailed in the legislation.

Please refer to Public Act 97-1098 for further details. The Act can be found online at www.ilga.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson