

**SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 295 of 1994**

**28.725b Sex offenders registration fund; creation; disposition of money; use; lapse; claim of indigence; waiver of fee; payments.**

Sec. 5b. (1) Of the money collected by a court, local law enforcement agency, sheriff's department, or department post from each registration fee prescribed under this act, \$30.00 must be forwarded to the department, which shall deposit the money in the sex offenders registration fund created under subsection (2), and \$20.00 must be retained by the court, local law enforcement agency, sheriff's department, or department post.

(2) The sex offenders registration fund is created as a separate fund in the department of treasury. The state treasurer shall credit the money received from the payment of the registration fee prescribed under this act to the sex offenders registration fund. Money credited to the fund must only be used by the department for training concerning, and the maintenance and automation of, the law enforcement database, public internet website, information required under section 8, or notification and offender registration duties under section 4a. Except as otherwise provided in this section, money in the sex offenders registration fund at the close of the fiscal year must remain in the fund and must not lapse to the general fund.

(3) If an individual required to pay a registration fee under this act is indigent, the registration fee is waived for a period of 90 days. The burden is on the individual claiming indigence to prove the fact of indigence to the satisfaction of the local law enforcement agency, sheriff's department, or department post where the individual is reporting.

(4) Payment of the registration fee prescribed under this act must be made in the form and by means prescribed by the department. Upon payment of the registration fee prescribed under this act, the officer or employee shall forward verification of the payment to the department in the manner the department prescribes. The department shall revise the law enforcement database and public internet website maintained under section 8 as necessary and indicate verification of payment in the law enforcement database under section 8(1).

(5) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 only, \$3,400,000.00 of the money in the sex offenders registration fund is transferred to and must be deposited into the general fund.

**History:** Add. 2004, Act 237, Eff. Oct. 16, 2004;—Am. 2011, Act 17, Eff. July 1, 2011;—Am. 2020, Act 202, Imd. Eff. Oct. 15, 2020.