

CCS HCS SB 655 -- PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

This bill adds the tier level to which a registered sexual offender is assigned to the information that shall be made available on the Highway Patrol's sexual offender registry website. It also adds some exemptions to the public notification requirement (Section 43.650, RSMo).

The bill also prohibits a recorder from issuing a marriage license to anyone under the age of 16, and prohibits a license from being issued authorizing the marriage of anyone 21 years old or older to someone under 18 (Section 451.090).

Currently, prosecutions for certain unlawful sexual offenses involving a person 18 years of age or younger must be commenced within 30 years of the victim turning 18. This bill provides that such prosecutions may be commenced at any time.

Finally, the bill changes language relating to the sexual offender registry, including creating a tiered system to mirror the federal Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) provisions (Sections 589.400 to 589.414).