

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2017 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 699 — Internet Identifiers

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Mariano and others (CS/SB 684 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Baxley)

The bill revises provisions requiring registered sexual predators and sexual offenders to report Internet identifiers. These revisions include modifying the definition of the term “Internet identifier” and defining the connected terms “social Internet communication” and “application software.”

“Internet identifier” is defined as any designation, moniker, screen name, username, or other name used for self-identification to send or receive social Internet communication. This definition does not include a date of birth, social security number, personal identification number, or password. A sexual offender or sexual predator waives this disclosure exemption if he or she uses an Internet identifier that discloses any of this excluded information or other information that would reveal his or her identity.

The bill also requires a sexual predator and sexual offender to report each Internet identifier’s corresponding website homepage or application software name. Finally, the bill expands third degree felony offenses involving failure to report certain information to include failure to report each Internet identifier’s corresponding website homepage or application software name.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0