



FY2011 RECOMMENDATION/FY11-SO03 ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT FEE STRUCTURE FOR SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

Action on this recommendation was completed with the passage of House Bill 11-1278.

Description

Modify 16-22-108(7), CRS, to establish a consistent fee structure for sex offender registration.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

This is a state-wide issue raised by law enforcement requiring attention due to the reported problems created by the inconsistencies in registration procedures and the wide disparity in registration fees. The registration fee was not intended to pay for the administration of registries. It is more important that sex offenders are registered than strict adherence to the collection of the registration fee.

Details of the proposed modification would include the following statutory elements:

- Change 16-22-108(7), CRS, to allow for a fee up to \$25.00 for each initial annual or quarterly reregistration.*
- No allowable fee for updates to address, employment, email, or registration cancellations.*
- Allow for collection of fees civilly and include specific language that allows a jurisdiction to waive the registration fee if the offender is indigent.*
- This would require law enforcement to accept sex offender registrations, even if the offender does not have the money to pay the fee.*