

**An Act to Amend Chapter 66
of the Revised Statutes, 1989,
the Change of Name Act,
Respecting the Protection of Communities**

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

This Bill prohibits persons with a record of conviction of certain sexual offences from changing their name.

1 Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Change of Name Act*, is amended by adding immediately after Section 12A the following Section:

12B Subject to the regulations, where an application is made to change the name of a person, that person must submit to a criminal record check.

2 Section 13 of Chapter 66 is amended by adding “(1)” immediately after Section number and adding thereto the following subsection:

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Registrar shall not register a change of name for a person if that person’s criminal record check discloses a conviction of an offence for which the *Criminal Code* (Canada) requires compliance with the *Sex Offender Information Registration Act* (Canada).

3 Section 21 of Chapter 66, as amended by Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2011 and Chapter 31 of the Acts 2018, is further amended by adding immediately after clause (ce) the following clause:

(cf) exempting persons or classes of persons from the criminal record check requirement pursuant to Section 12B;