

A public hearing will be held by the Office of Attorney General Mike DeWine on Tuesday, May 14th, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the B-1 Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower, located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comment on new rules proposed under the recently enacted arson registry law. Specifically, these rules provide the procedure by which a judge, official, or official's designee that is required to provide notice of the duty to register to an arson offender forwards that notice to the sheriff of the county in which the arson offender intends to reside. The rules also provide the procedure by which an official in charge of correctional institution notifies the attorney general if a registered arson offender is confined in said institution. These rules are being proposed as required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2909, enacted under Senate Bill 3 by the 129th General Assembly.

The specific language of the rules are as follows:

109:5-6-01 titled "Definitions." (New)

(A) "BCI&I" means the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(B) "Registry" means the registry created by BCI&I pursuant to division (E)(2) of section 2909.15 of the Revised Code.

(C) All terms that are defined in section 2909.13 of the Revised Code have the same meanings when used in this chapter.

Rule 109:5-6-02 titled "Transmittal of Notices." (New)

(A) Notice of registration duties to sheriff of the county where the arson offender intends to reside - The judge, official or official's designee required to provide notice of the duty to register to an arson offender under division (A) of section 2909.14 of the Revised Code shall determine the county in which the arson offender intends to reside and mail a copy of the signed notice prescribed by the attorney general to the sheriff of that county, unless the person providing notice is the sheriff of the county in which the arson offender intends to reside. If the person providing the notice is the sheriff of the county in which the arson offender intends to reside, that sheriff shall retain a copy of the signed notice.

(B) Notice of confinement of registered arson offender or out-of-state arson offender – The official in charge of a jail, workhouse, state correctional institution, or other institution shall notify the attorney general if a registered arson offender or out-of-state arson offender is confined in the jail, workhouse, state correctional institution or other institution by entering the information into the registry using electronic means provided by the superintendent of BCI&I.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing to the attention of Amber Aimar, Policy and Public Affairs Section, Office of the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or Amber.Aimar@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov no later than Monday, May 13th by close of business.