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President Ford signed Proclamation 4360 dated March 29, 1975, which changes the method by which young men, both citizens and aliens, fulfill their obligation to register under the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act. The termination of existing registration procedures becomes effective today.

Byron V. Pepitone, Director of Selective Service, said, "Planning is under way for a new registration procedure. The requirement to register is still in full force and effect, and only the method of registration will be changed."

The Director explained that planning centered around a once-a-year registration period of a few days in which young men born in a given year would be required to present themselves for registration. He indicated that several plans were under discussion, and said, "When it is determined what method of registration will be utilized, the public announcement of procedures will be made by proclamation as prescribed in the Military Selective Service Act. The public announcement of these new registration procedures will probably be made toward the end of 1975."

Mr. Pepitone stressed that the change in registration procedures is a part of the ongoing studies to reduce the cost of maintaining a Selective Service System in support of the all-volunteer military establishment. He said, "Our present system of continuous registration has been highly successful. In fact, during calendar year 1974, Selective Service continued to register more men than the number established by the U. S. Bureau of the Census for the current year-of-birth group."