

# HOUSE BILL 282

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts – Juveniles – Expungement of Records**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to file a certain petition for expungement of  
4 certain juvenile records; requiring the court to serve a certain petition on a  
5 certain State’s Attorney; authorizing the court to order the expungement of a  
6 certain record under certain circumstances; requiring the court to consider  
7 certain criteria in its consideration of a certain petition for expungement of  
8 records; authorizing and requiring the court to deny a certain petition for  
9 expungement under certain circumstances; requiring the court to order the  
10 expungement of certain records under certain circumstances; authorizing the  
11 court to hold a certain hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the  
12 custodian of certain records to advise in writing certain persons regarding  
13 compliance with a certain court order requiring expungement under certain  
14 circumstances; authorizing the filing of an appeal by certain persons under  
15 certain circumstances; providing that this Act does not apply to certain records;  
16 defining certain terms; and generally relating to juveniles and expungement of  
17 records.

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

20 Section 3–8A–27.1

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **3-8A-27.1.**

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
3 MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (2) "EXPUNGEMENT" MEANS THE PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF A  
5 RECORD AND OBLITERATION OF A PERSON'S NAME FROM ANY OTHER OFFICIAL  
6 INDEX OR PUBLIC RECORD, OR BOTH.

7 (3) "JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RECORD" INCLUDES A COURT  
8 RECORD, POLICE RECORD, AND STATE'S ATTORNEY'S RECORD.

9 (B) (1) A PERSON MAY FILE A PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF THE  
10 PERSON'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RECORD IN THE COURT WHERE THE  
11 DELINQUENCY PETITION WAS FILED.

12 (2) THE COURT SHALL HAVE A COPY OF THE PETITION FOR  
13 EXPUNGEMENT SERVED ON THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

14 (C) THE COURT MAY ORDER A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RECORD  
15 EXPUNGED IF:

16 (1) THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND AT  
17 LEAST 2 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST OFFICIAL ACTION IN THE  
18 PERSON'S JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RECORD;

19 (2) THE PERSON HAS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN ADJUDICATED  
20 OR CONVICTED OF ANY OFFENSE;

21 (3) NO DELINQUENCY PETITION OR CRIMINAL CHARGE IS  
22 PENDING AGAINST THE PERSON;

23 (4) THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED OF AN OFFENSE  
24 WHICH, IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT, WOULD CONSTITUTE A CRIME OF  
25 VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; AND

26 (5) THE PERSON HAS FULLY PAID ANY MONETARY RESTITUTION  
27 ORDERED BY THE COURT IN THE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING.

28 (D) THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE  
29 PERSON, THE PERSON'S STABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THE SAFETY OF  
30 THE PUBLIC IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT.

1           **(E) (1) IF NO OBJECTION IS FILED, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE**  
2 **PETITION WITHOUT A HEARING.**

3           **(2) IF THE COURT FINDS THAT A PETITION FAILS ON ITS FACE TO**  
4 **MEET THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
5 **COURT MAY DENY THE PETITION WITHOUT A HEARING.**

6           **(3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
7 **SUBSECTION, IF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FILES AN OBJECTION TO THE**  
8 **PETITION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE PETITION IS SERVED, THE COURT SHALL**  
9 **HOLD A HEARING.**

10                   **(II) THE COURT MAY HOLD A HEARING ON ITS OWN**  
11 **INITIATIVE.**

12                   **(III) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE COURT FINDS THAT THE**  
13 **PERSON IS ENTITLED TO EXPUNGEMENT, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE**  
14 **EXPUNGEMENT OF ALL COURT RECORDS, POLICE RECORDS, AND STATE'S**  
15 **ATTORNEY RECORDS RELATING TO THE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS.**

16                   **(IV) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE COURT FINDS THAT THE**  
17 **PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED TO EXPUNGEMENT, THE COURT SHALL DENY THE**  
18 **PETITION.**

19           **(F) THE PERSON WHO FILED THE PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OR THE**  
20 **STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPEAL AN ORDER GRANTING OR DENYING THE**  
21 **PETITION.**

22           **(G) UNLESS AN ORDER IS STAYED PENDING AN APPEAL, EACH**  
23 **CUSTODIAN OF POLICE AND COURT RECORDS SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF**  
24 **EXPUNGEMENT SHALL ADVISE, IN WRITING, THE COURT, THE PETITIONER, AND**  
25 **ALL PARTIES TO THE PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT PROCEEDING OF**  
26 **COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDER WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF THE ORDER.**

27           **(H) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO RECORDS MAINTAINED UNDER**  
28 **TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

29           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2013.