

# SENATE BILL 479

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By: **Senators Gladden and Forehand**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records – Not Criminally Responsible**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain person to file a petition for expungement of  
4 certain records if the person was found not criminally responsible under any  
5 State or local law that prohibits certain acts; specifying that a petition for  
6 expungement based on a finding of not criminally responsible under this Act  
7 may not be filed within a certain period of time; providing that a person is not  
8 entitled to expungement if the petition is based on a finding of not criminally  
9 responsible and the person, since the finding of not criminally responsible, has  
10 been convicted of a certain crime or is a defendant in a pending criminal  
11 proceeding; and generally relating to expungement of criminal records.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Criminal Procedure  
14 Section 10–105(a), ~~(c)(7)~~, and ~~(e)(4)~~  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Criminal Procedure  
19 Section 10–105(c)(7)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

4 10–105.

5 (a) A person who has been charged with the commission of a crime, including  
6 a violation of the Transportation Article for which a term of imprisonment may be  
7 imposed, or who has been charged with a civil offense or infraction, except a juvenile  
8 offense, as a substitute for a criminal charge may file a petition listing relevant facts  
9 for expungement of a police record, court record, or other record maintained by the  
10 State or a political subdivision of the State if:

11 (1) the person is acquitted;

12 (2) the charge is otherwise dismissed;

13 (3) a probation before judgment is entered, unless the person is  
14 charged with a violation of § 21–902 of the Transportation Article or Title 2, Subtitle 5  
15 or § 3–211 of the Criminal Law Article;

16 (4) a nolle prosequi or nolle prosequi with the requirement of drug or  
17 alcohol treatment is entered;

18 (5) the court indefinitely postpones trial of a criminal charge by  
19 marking the criminal charge “stet” or stet with the requirement of drug or alcohol  
20 abuse treatment on the docket;

21 (6) the case is compromised under § 3–207 of the Criminal Law  
22 Article;

23 (7) the charge was transferred to the juvenile court under § 4–202 of  
24 this article;

25 (8) the person:

26 (i) is convicted of only one criminal act, and that act is not a  
27 crime of violence; and

28 (ii) is granted a full and unconditional pardon by the Governor;  
29 [or]

30 (9) the person was convicted of a crime **OR FOUND NOT CRIMINALLY**  
31 **RESPONSIBLE** under any State or local law that prohibits:

32 (i) urination or defecation in a public place;

- 1 (ii) panhandling or soliciting money;
- 2 (iii) drinking an alcoholic beverage in a public place;
- 3 (iv) obstructing the free passage of another in a public place or a
- 4 public conveyance;
- 5 (v) sleeping on or in park structures, such as benches or
- 6 doorways;
- 7 (vi) loitering;
- 8 (vii) vagrancy;
- 9 (viii) riding a transit vehicle without paying the applicable fare or
- 10 exhibiting proof of payment; or
- 11 (ix) except for carrying or possessing an explosive, acid,
- 12 concealed weapon, or other dangerous article as provided in § 7-705(b)(6) of the
- 13 Transportation Article, any of the acts specified in § 7-705 of the Transportation
- 14 Article; OR

15 (10) THE PERSON WAS FOUND NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE  
 16 UNDER ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT PROHIBITS MISDEMEANOR:

- 17 (I) ~~ASSAULT;~~
- 18 ~~(II) POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS~~
- 19 ~~SUBSTANCE;~~
- 20 ~~(III) TRESPASS;~~
- 21 ~~(IV) (II) DISTURBING THE PEACE; OR~~
- 22 ~~(V) (III) TELEPHONE MISUSE.~~

23 (c) (7) A PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT BASED ON A FINDING OF NOT  
 24 CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(9) OR (10) OF THIS  
 25 SECTION MAY NOT BE FILED WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE FINDING OF NOT  
 26 CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE WAS MADE BY THE COURT.

27 [(7)](8) A court may grant a petition for expungement at any time  
 28 on a showing of good cause.

29 (e) (4) The person is not entitled to expungement if:

1                   (i) the petition is based on the entry of probation before  
 2 judgment, a nolle prosequi, a stet, including a nolle prosequi with the requirement of  
 3 drug or alcohol treatment or a stet with the requirement of drug or alcohol abuse  
 4 treatment, a conviction for a crime specified in subsection (a)(9) of this section, A  
 5 **FINDING OF NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE**, or the grant of a pardon by the  
 6 Governor; and

7                   (ii) the person:

8                               1. since the full and unconditional pardon, entry,  
 9 **FINDING OF NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE**, or conviction has been convicted of a  
 10 crime other than a minor traffic violation; or

11                               2. is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.