

HOUSE BILL 79

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ENROLLED BILL

— Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings —

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

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

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 certain
5 victims, certain family members of certain victims, and a certain State's
6 Attorney; authorizing the court to order the expungement of a certain record
7 under certain circumstances; requiring the court to consider certain criteria in
8 its consideration of a certain petition for expungement of records; authorizing
9 the court to grant a certain petition for expungement without a hearing under
10 certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to file an objection to a
11 petition for expungement; authorizing and requiring the court to deny a certain
12 petition for expungement under certain circumstances; requiring the court to
13 order the expungement of certain records under certain circumstances;
14 authorizing and requiring the court to hold a certain hearing under certain

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 circumstances; requiring the custodian of certain records to advise in writing
 2 certain persons regarding compliance with a certain court order requiring
 3 expungement under certain circumstances; authorizing the filing of an appeal
 4 by certain persons under certain circumstances; providing that this Act does not
 5 apply to certain records; defining certain terms; and generally relating to
 6 juveniles and expungement of records.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 3–8A–27.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 **3–8A–27.1.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
 17 MEANINGS INDICATED.

18 (2) **“EXPUNGEMENT” MEANS THE PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF A**
 19 **RECORD AND OBLITERATION OF A PERSON’S NAME FROM ANY OTHER OFFICIAL**
 20 **INDEX OR PUBLIC RECORD OR BOTH HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF**
 21 **THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

22 (3) **“JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RECORD” INCLUDES MEANS A**
 23 **COURT RECORD, AND POLICE RECORD, AND STATE’S ATTORNEY’S RECORD**
 24 **CONCERNING A CHILD ALLEGED OR ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT OR IN NEED OF**
 25 **SUPERVISION OR WHO HAS RECEIVED A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION.**

26 (4) **“VICTIM” MEANS A PERSON AGAINST WHOM A DELINQUENT**
 27 **ACT HAS BEEN COMMITTED OR ATTEMPTED.**

28 (B) (1) A PERSON MAY FILE A PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF THE
 29 PERSON’S JUVENILE ~~DELINQUENCY~~ RECORD IN THE COURT IN WHICH THE
 30 ~~DELINQUENCY~~ PETITION OR CITATION WAS FILED.

31 (2) THE COURT SHALL HAVE A COPY OF THE PETITION FOR
 32 EXPUNGEMENT SERVED ON ~~THE~~:

1 **(I) ALL LISTED VICTIMS IN THE CASE IN WHICH THE**
2 **PERSON IS SEEKING EXPUNGEMENT AT THE ADDRESS LISTED IN THE COURT**
3 **FILE;**

4 **(II) ALL FAMILY MEMBERS OF A VICTIM LISTED IN ITEM (I)**
5 **OF THIS PARAGRAPH WHO ARE LISTED IN THE COURT FILE AS HAVING**
6 **ATTENDED THE ADJUDICATION FOR THE CASE IN WHICH THE PERSON IS**
7 **SEEKING EXPUNGEMENT; AND**

8 **(III) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.**

9 **(C) THE COURT MAY ORDER A JUVENILE ~~DELINQUENCY~~ RECORD**
10 **EXPUNGED IF:**

11 **(1) (I) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY ENTERS A NOLLE PROSEQUI;**

12 **(II) THE PETITION IS DISMISSED;**

13 **(III) THE COURT, IN AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING, DOES NOT**
14 **FIND THAT THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE PETITION ARE TRUE;**

15 **(IV) THE ADJUDICATORY HEARING IS NOT HELD WITHIN 2**
16 **YEARS AFTER A PETITION IS FILED; OR**

17 **(V) THE COURT, IN A DISPOSITION HEARING, FINDS THAT**
18 **THE PERSON DOES OR DOES NOT REQUIRE GUIDANCE, TREATMENT, OR**
19 **REHABILITATION;**

20 **~~(1)~~ (2) THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND**
21 **AT LEAST 2 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST OFFICIAL ACTION IN THE**
22 **PERSON'S JUVENILE ~~DELINQUENCY~~ RECORD;**

23 **~~(2)~~ (3) THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED**
24 **DELINQUENT ~~NOT~~ MORE THAN ONCE;**

25 **~~(3)~~ (4) THE PERSON HAS NOT SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN**
26 **CONVICTED OF ANY OFFENSE;**

27 **~~(4)~~ (5) NO DELINQUENCY PETITION OR CRIMINAL CHARGE IS**
28 **PENDING AGAINST THE PERSON;**

29 **~~(5)~~ (6) THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED**
30 **DELINQUENT FOR AN OFFENSE THAT, IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT, WOULD**
31 **CONSTITUTE A;**

1 (I) A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE
2 CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; ~~OR~~

3 (II) A VIOLATION OF § 3-308 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW
4 ARTICLE; OR

5 (III) A FELONY;

6 ~~(6)~~ (7) THE PERSON WAS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A
7 SEX OFFENDER UNDER § 11-704(C) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE;

8 (8) THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT FOR
9 AN OFFENSE INVOLVING THE USE OF A FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN § 5-101 OF THE
10 PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS
11 DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; AND

12 ~~(7)~~ (9) THE PERSON HAS FULLY PAID ANY MONETARY
13 RESTITUTION ORDERED BY THE COURT IN THE DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING.

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

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

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

22 (3) (i) 1. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY FILE AN
23 OBJECTION TO A PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION:

24 A. A LISTED VICTIM IN THE CASE IN WHICH THE
25 PERSON IS SEEKING EXPUNGEMENT;

26 B. A FAMILY MEMBER OF A VICTIM LISTED IN ITEM A
27 OF THIS SUBSUBPARAGRAPH WHO IS LISTED IN THE COURT FILE AS HAVING
28 ATTENDED THE ADJUDICATION FOR THE CASE IN WHICH THE PERSON IS
29 SEEKING EXPUNGEMENT; AND

30 C. THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

1 **2.** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF
2 THIS SUBSECTION, IF ~~THE STATE'S ATTORNEY~~ A PERSON LISTED IN
3 SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH FILES AN OBJECTION TO THE
4 PETITION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE PETITION IS SERVED, THE COURT SHALL
5 HOLD A HEARING.

6 (II) THE COURT MAY HOLD A HEARING ON ITS OWN
7 INITIATIVE.

8 (III) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE COURT FINDS THAT THE
9 PERSON IS ENTITLED TO EXPUNGEMENT, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE
10 EXPUNGEMENT OF ALL COURT RECORDS, AND POLICE RECORDS, AND STATE'S
11 ATTORNEY'S RECORDS RELATING TO THE DELINQUENCY ~~PROCEEDINGS OR~~
12 CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PETITION OR THE CITATION.

13 (IV) IF, AFTER A HEARING, THE COURT FINDS THAT THE
14 PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED TO EXPUNGEMENT, THE COURT SHALL DENY THE
15 PETITION.

16 (F) THE PERSON WHO FILED THE PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OR THE
17 STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPEAL AN ORDER GRANTING OR DENYING THE
18 PETITION.

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

25 (H) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ~~RECORDS~~:

26 (1) RECORDS MAINTAINED UNDER TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE
27 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE; OR

28 (2) RECORDS MAINTAINED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR
29 THE SOLE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING STATISTICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
30 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION THAT
31 WOULD REVEAL THE IDENTITY OF A PERSON.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2014.