

SENATE BILL 652

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CF HB 304

By: **Senators Muse, Benson, Currie, McFadden, and Waugh**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that provides that a person is not entitled
4 to expungement of the person's record if the petition for expungement is based on a
5 certain case disposition and the person, since the disposition, has been convicted of
6 a crime other than a minor traffic violation or is a defendant in a pending criminal
7 proceeding; and generally relating to expungement of records.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Criminal Procedure
10 Section 10–105(e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

16 10–105.

17 (e) (1) If the State's Attorney files a timely objection to the petition, the court
18 shall hold a hearing.

19 (2) If the court at the hearing finds that the person is entitled to
20 expungement, the court shall order the expungement of all police records and court records
21 about the charge.

22 (3) If the court finds that the person is not entitled to expungement, the
23 court shall deny the petition.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(4) The person is not entitled to expungement if:

2 (i) the petition is based on the entry of probation before judgment,
3 a nolle prosequi, a stet, including a nolle prosequi with the requirement of drug or alcohol
4 treatment or a stet with the requirement of drug or alcohol abuse treatment, a conviction
5 for a crime specified in subsection (a)(9) of this section, a finding of not criminally
6 responsible, or the grant of a pardon by the Governor; and

7 (ii) the person:

8 1. since the full and unconditional pardon, entry, finding of
9 not criminally responsible, or conviction has been convicted of a crime other than a minor
10 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, 2015.