

# HOUSE BILL 31

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By: **Delegate J. Lewis**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Charges Disposed of by Nolle Prosequi, Dismissal, or**  
3 **Acquittal – Case Search**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search, after a certain period  
5 of time, from referring in any way to the existence of a specific criminal charge that  
6 has been disposed of by nolle prosequi, dismissal, or acquittal; and generally relating  
7 to charges disposed of by nolle prosequi, dismissal, or acquittal.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Procedure

10 Section 10–111

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 **10–111.**

17 **THE MARYLAND JUDICIARY CASE SEARCH MAY NOT IN ANY WAY REFER TO**  
18 **THE EXISTENCE OF A SPECIFIC CRIMINAL CHARGE MORE THAN 5 YEARS AFTER THE**  
19 **CRIMINAL CHARGE HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF BY NOLLE PROSEQUI, DISMISSAL, OR**  
20 **ACQUITTAL.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

