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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Expungement of Records**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law prohibiting the expungement of an  
4 individual's record if the individual has been convicted of certain other crimes or  
5 is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding; and generally relating to  
6 criminal procedure and expungement of records.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Criminal Procedure  
9 Section 10-105(e)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Criminal Procedure**

15 10-105.

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

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

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

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

24 (i) the petition is based on the entry of probation before judgment,  
25 a nolle prosequi, or a stet, or the grant of a pardon by the Governor; and

1 (ii) the person:

2 1. since the full and unconditional pardon or entry, has been  
3 convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation; or

4 2. is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding.]

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2003.