

# SENATE BILL 583

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By: **Senators Pugh, Conway, McFadden, and Muse**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **DNA Evidence – Postconviction Review**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the group of persons who may file a certain petition for  
4 postconviction DNA testing or a database or log search; and generally relating to  
5 postconviction review of DNA evidence.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Procedure  
8 Section 8–201(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

14 8–201.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other law governing postconviction relief, a person who  
16 is convicted of a [violation of § 2–201, § 2–204, § 2–207, or §§ 3–303 through 3–306 of the]  
17 **CRIME OF VIOLENCE UNDER § 14–101 OF THE** Criminal Law Article may file a petition:

18 (1) for DNA testing of scientific identification evidence that the State  
19 possesses as provided in subsection (j) of this section and that is related to the judgment of  
20 conviction; or

21 (2) for a search by a law enforcement agency of a law enforcement data  
22 base or log for the purpose of identifying the source of physical evidence used for DNA  
23 testing.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2015.