

SENATE BILL 26

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senators Waldstreicher and Carter**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Automatic Expungement – Clarification**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the language of a provision of law requiring the expungement
4 of certain records maintained by the State or a political subdivision of the State
5 relating to the charging of certain offenses under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to expungement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Procedure
9 Section 10–105.1
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15 10–105.1.

16 (a) Beginning October 1, 2021, any police record, court record, or other record
17 maintained by the State or a political subdivision of the State relating to the charging of a
18 [~~crime or a~~] civil offense under § 5–601(c)(2)(ii) of the Criminal Law Article[, including a
19 must–appear violation of the Transportation Article,] **OR A CRIME OTHER THAN A**
20 **VIOLATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE FOR WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS NOT**
21 **REQUIRED TO APPEAR** shall be expunged 3 years after a disposition of the charge if no
22 charge in the case resulted in a disposition other than:

23 (1) acquittal;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) dismissal;

2 (3) not guilty; or

3 (4) nolle prosequi, except nolle prosequi with a requirement of drug or
4 alcohol treatment.

5 (b) For a case described in subsection (a) of this section, the court shall send notice
6 of the disposition of each charge in the case and the date on which expungement is required
7 to:

8 (1) the Central Repository;

9 (2) each booking facility, law enforcement unit, and other unit of the State
10 and political subdivision of the State that the court believes may have a record subject to
11 expungement under this section; and

12 (3) the person entitled to expungement.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2022.