

HOUSE BILL 397

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HB 318/25 – JUD

By: **Delegate Grammer**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Failure to Obey a Court Order to Report**
3 **to Confinement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of a conviction
5 of failure to obey a court order to report to a place of confinement; prohibiting a
6 person from filing a petition for expungement of a conviction of failure to obey a court
7 order to report to a place of confinement before a certain amount of time has passed
8 after the completion of the sentence; and generally relating to expungement.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Criminal Procedure
11 Section 10–110(a) and (c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

17 10–110.

18 (a) A person may file a petition listing relevant facts for expungement of a police
19 record, court record, or other record maintained by the State or a political subdivision of
20 the State if the person is convicted of:

21 (1) a misdemeanor that is a violation of:

22 (i) § 6–320 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(xx) § 27-403, § 27-404, § 27-405, § 27-406, § 27-406.1, § 27-407, § 27-407.1, or § 27-407.2 of the Insurance Article;

(xxi) § 8-725.4, § 8-725.5, § 8-725.6, § 8-725.7, § 8-726, § 8-726.1, § 8-727.1, or § 8-738.2 of the Natural Resources Article or any prohibited act related to speed limits for personal watercraft;

(xxii) § 10-301, § 10-306, § 10-308.1, § 10-413(e)(1), § 10-418, § 10-502, § 10-611, or § 10-907(a) of the Natural Resources Article;

(xxiii) § 5–307, § 5–308, § 6–602, § 7–402, or § 14–114 of the Public Safety Article;

10 (xxiv) § 7–318.1, § 7–509, or § 10–507 of the Real Property Article;

11 (xxv) § 9–124 of the State Government Article;

(xxvi) § 13–1001, § 13–1004, § 13–1007, or § 13–1024 of the Tax –
General Article;

¹⁴ (xxvii) § 16–101 or § 16–303 of the Transportation Article; or

15 (xxviii) the common law offenses of affray, rioting, criminal
16 contempt, battery, or hindering;

17 (2) a felony that is a violation of:

18 (i) § 7-104 of the Criminal Law Article:

21 (iii) § 6–202(a), § 6–203, or § 6–204 of the Criminal Law Article; or

22 (3) an attempt, a conspiracy, or a solicitation of any offense listed in item
23 (1) or (2) of this subsection.

24 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a petition for
25 expungement under this section may not be filed earlier than 5 years after the completion
26 of the sentence.

(2) A petition for expungement for a violation of § 3-203 of the Criminal Law Article or common law battery may not be filed earlier than 7 years after the completion of the sentence.

(4) Except as provided in paragraphs (5) and (6) of this subsection, a petition for expungement of a felony may not be filed earlier than 7 years after the completion of the sentence.

(5) A petition for expungement of a conviction of possession with intent to distribute cannabis under § 5-602 of the Criminal Law Article may not be filed earlier than 3 years after the completion of the sentence.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2026.