

# HOUSE BILL 824

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By: **Delegates Stinnett, Addison, Fair, and Pasteur**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Conviction of Distribution of Controlled**  
3 **Dangerous Substance**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain list of felony convictions that are eligible for  
5 expungement to include distributing or dispensing a controlled dangerous substance;  
6 and generally relating to expungement.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 5–602(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Criminal Procedure  
14 Section 10–110(a)(2)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Law**

20 5–602.

21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not:

22 (1) distribute or dispense a controlled dangerous substance; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) possess a controlled dangerous substance other than cannabis in sufficient quantity reasonably to indicate under all circumstances an intent to distribute or dispense a controlled dangerous substance.

#### Article – Criminal Procedure

10–110.

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

(2) a felony that is a violation of:

(i) § 7–104 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ii) [the prohibition against possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance under § 5–602] **§ 5–602(A)** of the Criminal Law Article; or

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

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