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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws of Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws of
4 Maryland; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General
5 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Commission to
6 Examine the Expungement Laws of Maryland.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Commission to Examine the Expungement Laws of Maryland.

10 (b) The Commission consists of:

11 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
12 the Senate;

13 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
14 the House;

15 (3) the President of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, or the
16 President's designee;

17 (4) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (5) the State Court Administrator, or the Administrator's designee;

2 (6) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
3 Secretary's designee; and

4 (7) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

5 (i) one representative of a research organization studying the
6 impact criminal records have on individuals in Maryland;

7 (ii) two individuals who are members of the Maryland bar with
8 experience providing expungement representation on behalf of Maryland residents;

9 (iii) one representative of a workforce organization in Maryland with
10 experience securing employment for individuals with criminal records;

11 (iv) one representative of an organization that assists individuals
12 with criminal records to reacclimate to society;

13 (v) two representatives of two different crime victims' advocacy
14 groups, including one with expertise serving criminalized survivors of violence; ~~and~~

15 (vi) two individuals who have a criminal record that is currently
16 ineligible for expungement;

17 (vii) one representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;

18 (viii) one representative of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association;

19 (ix) one representative of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource
20 Center; and

21 (x) one representative of the Maryland Network Against Domestic
22 Violence.

23 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect a chair from among the members
24 of the Commission.

25 (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy shall provide staff for
26 the Commission.

27 (e) A member of the Commission:

28 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

1 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
2 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

3 (f) The Commission shall:

4 (1) examine the expungement laws of Maryland and the current
5 expungement process under Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the Criminal Procedure Article for issues
6 of efficiency and equity;

7 (2) review comparable states' expungement laws and their processes; and

8 (3) develop an alternate statutory scheme that provides a streamlined
9 process and broader eligibility.

10 (g) On or before December 31, ~~2027~~ 2028, the Commission shall, in accordance
11 with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, submit a report to the General Assembly of
12 its findings and recommendations.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
14 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end
15 of June 30, ~~2028~~ 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
16 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.