

# Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association



## Md House of Delegates – Judiciary Committee

February 23, 2023

### Hearing on HB 660

#### Criminal Procedure – Expungement Convictions

## MCDAA POSITION: SUPPORT

**Brief bill explanation:** This bill authorizes a person to file a petition for expungement after 15 years under § 10-110 of the Criminal Procedure Article if the person has been convicted of a felony that is a violation of § 3-202 (first-degree assault – if the crime did not involve domestic violence and the person has no other convictions); § 3-403 (robbery with a dangerous weapon); or § 3-405 (carjacking/armed carjacking) of the Criminal Law Article.

**MCDAA's position:** We support the sponsor's attempt to make the expungement of one's criminal history more uniform and more consistent with current trends. Even after an individual has paid, in full, a debt to society through the imposition of a conviction, probation, incarceration and/or restitution, the record of the conviction often hinders the individual's ability to fully integrate into society again. MCDAA favors, in general, the inclusion of additional crimes that can be expunged after the requirements of the punishment have been fulfilled, and after the waiting period.

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