

House bill 55

Favorable

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my name is Steven McDonald im from district 28 Charles county, im favorable for the bill because many people like myself are not eligible for expungments. The expungement article needs to cover more misdemeanor crimes, its unfair we have violent felony convictions 1st degree burglary, distribution, assault and theft eligible while i have the lowest seriousness level misdemeanor i cant get expungement that already intends to cover my charge under section 5-601 altering a prescription but it falls under 5-701 (d) . There are tens of thousands of Marylander who have low level crimes that cannot get a expungement ever effecting my job where i cant get advancement in my career and housing. keeping me stuck in poverty. There needs to be more focus on the expansion on low misdemeanor crimes.

i urge a favorable report.

Expungment article 10-110 (5-601)

(VIII) § 5-601, § 5-618, § 5-619, § 5-620, § 5-703, § 5-708, or § 5-902 of the Criminal Law Article: § 5-601 - Possessing or administering controlled dangerous substance - prohibits a person from (1) possessing or administering to another a controlled dangerous substance, unless obtained directly or by prescription or order from an authorized provider acting in the course of professional practice; or (2) obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled dangerous substance, or procuring or attempting to procure the administration of a controlled dangerous substance by: (i) fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; (ii) the counterfeiting or alteration of a prescription or a written order; (iii) the concealment of a material fact; (iv) the use of a false name or address; (v) falsely assuming the title of or representing to be a manufacturer, distributor, or authorized provider; or (vi) making, issuing, or presenting a false or counterfeit prescription or written order.