Judiciary Committee House Bill 777 FAVORABLE

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

Please give House Bill 777 a Favorable report.

Whether being interviewed for employment or getting a background check, there is always that question as to whether to mention an expungement. If something was expunged, does it mean that, for all intents and purposes, the arrest, charge, and/or conviction never happened? Do you take the chance of disclosing it and possibly losing the opportunities, or do you omit it and hope that the omission won't cause problems for you, including the possibility of arrest for "lying"? This bill would help clarify things.

Please vote in favor of House Bill 777. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Debi Jasen Pasadena, MD