

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB4676

by Rep. Ron Sandack

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

775 ILCS 5/2-103

from Ch. 68, par. 2-103

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that the prohibition against the use of the fact of an arrest in making employment decisions shall not be construed to apply to inquiries regarding arrests for which criminal charges are pending at the time of the inquiry.

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1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Human Rights Act is amended by changing Section 2-103 as follows:
- 6 (775 ILCS 5/2-103) (from Ch. 68, par. 2-103)
- 7 Sec. 2-103. Arrest Record.
 - (A) Unless otherwise authorized by law, it is a civil rights violation for any employer, employment agency or labor organization to inquire into or to use the fact of an arrest or criminal history record information ordered expunged, sealed or impounded under Section 5.2 of the Criminal Identification Act as a basis to refuse to hire, to segregate, or to act with recruitment, hiring, promotion, renewal respect to for training employment, selection or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, privileges conditions of employment. This Section does not prohibit a State agency, unit of local government or school district, or private organization from requesting or utilizing sealed felony conviction information obtained from the Department of State Police under the provisions of Section 3 of the Criminal Identification Act or under other State or federal laws or regulations that require criminal background checks in

- evaluating the qualifications and character of an employee or a prospective employee.
 - (B) The prohibition against the use of the fact of an arrest contained in this Section shall not be construed to (i) apply to inquiries regarding arrests for which criminal charges are pending at the time of the inquiry; or (ii) prohibit an employer, employment agency, or labor organization from obtaining or using other information which indicates that a person actually engaged in the conduct for which he or she was arrested.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 96-409, eff. 1-1-10.)