1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by 5 changing Section 5.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2630/5.2)

7 Sec. 5.2. Expungement, sealing, and immediate sealing.

8 (a) General Provisions.

9 (1) Definitions. In this Act, words and phrases have 10 the meanings set forth in this subsection, except when a 11 particular context clearly requires a different meaning.

12 (A) The following terms shall have the meanings
13 ascribed to them in the Unified Code of Corrections,
14 730 ILCS 5/5-1-2 through 5/5-1-22:

15	(i) Business Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-2),
16	(ii) Charge (730 ILCS 5/5-1-3),
17	(iii) Court (730 ILCS 5/5-1-6),
18	(iv) Defendant (730 ILCS 5/5-1-7),
19	(v) Felony (730 ILCS 5/5-1-9),
20	(vi) Imprisonment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-10),
21	(vii) Judgment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-12),
22	(viii) Misdemeanor (730 ILCS 5/5-1-14),
23	(ix) Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-15),

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(x) Parole (730 ILCS 5/5-1-16),
 (xi) Petty Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-17),
 (xii) Probation (730 ILCS 5/5-1-18),
 (xiii) Sentence (730 ILCS 5/5-1-19),
 (xiv) Supervision (730 ILCS 5/5-1-21), and
 (xv) Victim (730 ILCS 5/5-1-22).

(B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated
by arrest" means a charge (as defined by 730 ILCS
5/5-1-3) brought against a defendant where the
defendant is not arrested prior to or as a direct
result of the charge.

12 (C) "Conviction" means a judgment of conviction or 13 sentence entered upon a plea of guilty or upon a 14 verdict or finding of guilty of an offense, rendered by 15 a legally constituted jury or by a court of competent 16 jurisdiction authorized to try the case without a jury. 17 An order of supervision successfully completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of qualified 18 19 probation (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(J)) 20 successfully completed by the petitioner is not a conviction. An order of supervision or an order of 21 22 qualified probation that is terminated 23 unsatisfactorily conviction, is а unless the 24 unsatisfactory termination is reversed, vacated, or 25 modified and the judgment of conviction, if any, is 26 reversed or vacated.

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(D) "Criminal offense" means a petty offense, 1 business offense, misdemeanor, felony, or municipal 2 defined in 3 ordinance violation (as subsection (a) (1) (H)). As used in this Section, a minor traffic 4 5 offense (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (G)) shall not be considered a criminal offense. 6

7 (E) "Expunge" means to physically destroy the 8 records or return them to the petitioner and to 9 obliterate the petitioner's name from any official 10 index or public record, or both. Nothing in this Act 11 shall require the physical destruction of the circuit 12 court file, but such records relating to arrests or 13 charges, or both, ordered expunged shall be impounded 14 required by subsections (d) (9) (A) (ii) as and 15 (d)(9)(B)(ii).

16 (F) As used in this Section, "last sentence" means 17 the sentence, order of supervision, or order of 18 gualified probation (as defined by subsection 19 (a) (1) (J), for a criminal offense (as defined by 20 subsection (a)(1)(D)) that terminates last in time in any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the petitioner 21 22 has included the criminal offense for which the 23 order of supervision or sentence or qualified 24 probation was imposed in his or her petition. If 25 multiple sentences, orders of supervision, or orders 26 of qualified probation terminate on the same day and

are last in time, they shall be collectively considered
 the "last sentence" regardless of whether they were
 ordered to run concurrently.

4 (G) "Minor traffic offense" means a petty offense, 5 business offense, or Class C misdemeanor under the 6 Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a 7 municipal or local ordinance.

8 (H) "Municipal ordinance violation" means an 9 offense defined by a municipal or local ordinance that 10 is criminal in nature and with which the petitioner was 11 charged or for which the petitioner was arrested and 12 released without charging.

(I) "Petitioner" means an adult or a minor
prosecuted as an adult who has applied for relief under
this Section.

16 (J) "Qualified probation" means an order of 17 probation under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, 18 19 Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and 20 Community Protection Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 21 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section 22 12-4.3(b)(1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (as 23 those provisions existed before their deletion by Public Act 89-313), Section 10-102 of the Illinois 24 25 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 26 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10

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of the Steroid Control Act. For the purpose of this Section, "successful completion" of an order of qualified probation under Section 10-102 of the Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act means that the probation was terminated satisfactorily and the judgment of conviction was vacated.

8 (K) "Seal" means to physically and electronically 9 maintain the records, unless the records would otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to make the 10 11 records unavailable without a court order, subject to 12 the exceptions in Sections 12 and 13 of this Act. The 13 petitioner's name shall also be obliterated from the 14 official index required to be kept by the circuit court 15 clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 16 any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the 17 entry of the order to seal shall not be affected.

(L) "Sexual offense committed against a minor"
includes but is not limited to the offenses of indecent
solicitation of a child or criminal sexual abuse when
the victim of such offense is under 18 years of age.

(M) "Terminate" as it relates to a sentence or
order of supervision or qualified probation includes
either satisfactory or unsatisfactory termination of
the sentence, unless otherwise specified in this
Section. A sentence is terminated notwithstanding any

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outstanding financial legal obligation.

2 (2) Minor Traffic Offenses. Orders of supervision or
3 convictions for minor traffic offenses shall not affect a
4 petitioner's eligibility to expunge or seal records
5 pursuant to this Section.

(2.5) Commencing 180 days after July 29, 2016 (the 6 7 effective date of Public Act 99-697), the law enforcement 8 agency issuing the citation shall automatically expunge, 9 on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the law 10 enforcement records of a person found to have committed a 11 civil law violation of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the 12 Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of 13 the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the law enforcement 14 agency's possession or control and which contains the final 15 satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person 16 issued a citation for that offense. The law enforcement 17 agency shall provide by rule the process for access, review, and to confirm the automatic expungement by the law 18 19 enforcement agency issuing the citation. Commencing 180 20 days after July 29, 2016 (the effective date of Public Act 21 99-697), the clerk of the circuit court shall expunge, upon 22 order of the court, or in the absence of a court order on 23 or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the court 24 records of a person found in the circuit court to have 25 committed a civil law violation of subsection (a) of 26 Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of

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Section 3.5 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the
 clerk's possession or control and which contains the final
 satisfactory disposition which pertain to the person
 issued a citation for any of those offenses.

5 (3) Exclusions. Except as otherwise provided in 6 subsections (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(8), (e), (e-5), and (e-6) 7 of this Section, the court shall not order:

8 (A) the sealing or expungement of the records of 9 arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result 10 in an order of supervision for or conviction of: (i) 11 any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii) 12 (blank) Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance; or (iii) 13 Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a 14 15 similar provision of a local ordinance, unless the 16 arrest or charge is for a misdemeanor violation of 17 subsection (a) of Section 11-503 or a similar provision of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the 18 19 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the offender 20 has no other conviction for violating Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar 21 22 provision of a local ordinance.

(B) the sealing or expungement of records of minor
traffic offenses (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (G)),
unless the petitioner was arrested and released
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(C) the sealing of the records of arrests or 1 charges not initiated by arrest which result in an 2 3 order of supervision or a conviction for the following offenses: 4

(i) offenses included in Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or a similar provision of a local ordinance, except Section 11-14 and a misdemeanor violation of Section 11-30 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a local ordinance;

12 (ii) Section 11-1.50, 12-3.4, 12-15, 12-30, 13 26-5, or 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a 14 15 local ordinance;

> (iii) Sections 12-3.1 or 12-3.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or Section 125 of the Stalking No Contact Order Act, or Section 219 of the Civil No Contact Order Act, or a similar provision of a local ordinance;

21 (iv) Class A misdemeanors or felony offenses 22 under the Humane Care for Animals Act; or

23 (v) any offense or attempted offense that 24 would subject a person to registration under the 25 Sex Offender Registration Act.

(D) (blank).

1	(E) the sealing or expungement of records of
2	arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result
3	in an order of supervision for or conviction of Section
4	<u>11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar</u>
5	provision of a local ordinance; except that the court
6	may order the sealing of one misdemeanor record of
7	arrest or charge not initiated by arrest that results
8	in an order of supervision for or conviction of Section
9	<u>11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar</u>
10	provision of a local ordinance per petitioner if each
11	of the following conditions have been met: (i) the
12	petitioner has not previously been convicted of or
13	placed on supervision for a violation of Section 11-501
14	<u>of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of</u>
15	<u>a local ordinance; (ii) 10 or more years have passed</u>
16	since the termination of the petitioner's sentence;
17	(iii) during the commission of the violation, the
18	petitioner did not proximately cause death or personal
19	injury to any other person or damage the property of
20	any other person and was not arrested for a violation
21	of Section 31-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012; (iv)
22	during the arrest or stop of the petitioner by a law
23	enforcement officer for commission of the violation,
24	the petitioner submitted to any test under Section
25	11-501.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code when requested by
26	a law enforcement officer; (v) the petitioner has no

1		other misdemeanor or felony driving charge on his or
2		her driving abstract; and (vi) the judge examined the
3		driving abstract of the petitioner petitioning to have
4		his or her record sealed under this subparagraph (E)
5		and made a finding entered on the record that the
6		<u>petitioner did not enter into a plea agreement on a</u>
7		lesser charge other than a violation of Section 11-501
8		<u>of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of</u>
9		a local ordinance, and the facts did not support that
10		the petitioner had previously committed a violation of
11		Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
12		similar provision of a local ordinance. A felony
13		conviction of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle
14		Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance may
15		not be sealed or expunged under this subparagraph (E).
16	(b)	Explingement

16 (b) Expungement.

17 (1) A petitioner may petition the circuit court to 18 expunge the records of his or her arrests and charges not initiated by arrest when each arrest or charge not 19 20 initiated by arrest sought to be expunged resulted in: (i) 21 acquittal, dismissal, or the petitioner's release without 22 charging, unless excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B); (ii) a 23 conviction which was vacated or reversed, unless excluded 24 by subsection (a)(3)(B); (iii) an order of supervision and 25 such supervision was successfully completed by the 26 petitioner, unless excluded by subsection (a) (3) (A) or

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(a) (3) (B); or (iv) an order of qualified probation (as
 defined in subsection (a) (1) (J)) and such probation was
 successfully completed by the petitioner.

4 (1.5) When a petitioner seeks to have a record of 5 arrest expunged under this Section, and the offender has 6 been convicted of a criminal offense, the State's Attorney 7 may object to the expungement on the grounds that the 8 records contain specific relevant information aside from 9 the mere fact of the arrest.

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(2) Time frame for filing a petition to expunge.

(A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an acquittal, dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging, or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is no waiting period to petition for the expungement of such records.

(B) When the arrest or charge not initiated by
arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of
supervision, successfully completed by the petitioner,
the following time frames will apply:

(i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in
orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708,
3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a
similar provision of a local ordinance, or under
Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal
Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a

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similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not be eligible for expungement until 5 years have passed following the satisfactory termination of the supervision.

5 (i-5) Those arrests or charges that resulted 6 in orders of supervision for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (a) of Section 11-503 of 7 8 the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision of 9 a local ordinance, that occurred prior to the 10 offender reaching the age of 25 years and the 11 offender has no other conviction for violating 12 Section 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle 13 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance 14 shall not be eligible for expungement until the 15 petitioner has reached the age of 25 years.

16 (ii) Those arrests or charges that resulted in 17 orders of supervision for any other offenses shall not be eligible for expungement until 2 years have 18 19 passed following the satisfactory termination of 20 the supervision.

(C) When the arrest or charge not initiated by 21 22 arrest sought to be expunded resulted in an order of 23 qualified probation, successfully completed by the 24 petitioner, such records shall not be eligible for 25 expungement until 5 years have passed following the 26 satisfactory termination of the probation.

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1 (3) Those records maintained by the Department for 2 persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be 3 expunged as provided in Section 5-915 of the Juvenile Court 4 Act of 1987.

5 (4) Whenever a person has been arrested for or 6 convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose 7 identity he or she has stolen or otherwise come into 8 possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity 9 was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization, 10 upon learning of the person having been arrested using his 11 or her identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief 12 judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a 13 court order entered nunc pro tunc by the Chief Judge to 14 correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and 15 all official records of the arresting authority, the 16 Department, other criminal justice agencies, the 17 prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if any, by removing his or her name from all such records in 18 19 connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by 20 inserting in the records the name of the offender, if known 21 or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name. The 22 records of the circuit court clerk shall be sealed until 23 further order of the court upon good cause shown and the 24 name of the aggrieved person obliterated on the official 25 index required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under 26 Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall

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not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. Nothing in this Section shall limit the Department of State Police or other criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from listing under an offender's name the false names he or she has used.

7 (5) Whenever a person has been convicted of criminal assault, aggravated criminal 8 sexual sexual assault, 9 predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal 10 sexual abuse, or appravated criminal sexual abuse, the 11 victim of that offense may request that the State's Attorney of the county in which the conviction occurred 12 13 file a verified petition with the presiding trial judge at 14 the petitioner's trial to have a court order entered to 15 seal the records of the circuit court clerk in connection 16 with the proceedings of the trial court concerning that offense. However, the records of the arresting authority 17 and the Department of State Police concerning the offense 18 19 shall not be sealed. The court, upon good cause shown, shall make the records of the circuit court clerk in 20 21 connection with the proceedings of the trial court 22 concerning the offense available for public inspection.

(6) If a conviction has been set aside on direct review
or on collateral attack and the court determines by clear
and convincing evidence that the petitioner was factually
innocent of the charge, the court that finds the petitioner

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factually innocent of the charge shall enter an expungement order for the conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (b) of Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

5 (7)Nothing in this Section shall prevent the 6 Department of State Police from maintaining all records of 7 any person who is admitted to probation upon terms and 8 conditions and who fulfills those terms and conditions 9 pursuant to Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 10 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 11 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection 12 Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1) 13 of Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the 14 Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois 15 16 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of 17 the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10 of the Steroid Control Act. 18

19 (8) If the petitioner has been granted a certificate of 20 innocence under Section 2-702 of the Code of Civil 21 Procedure, the court that grants the certificate of 22 shall also enter an order expunging the innocence 23 conviction for which the petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided in subsection (h) of Section 2-702 24 25 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

26 (c) Sealing.

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1 (1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision 2 of this Act to the contrary, and cumulative with any rights 3 to expungement of criminal records, this subsection 4 authorizes the sealing of criminal records of adults and of 5 minors prosecuted as adults. Subsection (g) of this Section 6 provides for immediate sealing of certain records.

7 (2) Eligible Records. The following records may be8 sealed:

9 (A) All arrests resulting in release without 10 charging;

(B) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated, except as excluded by subsection (a) (3) (B);

15 (C) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
16 resulting in orders of supervision, including orders
17 of supervision for municipal ordinance violations,
18 successfully completed by the petitioner, unless
19 excluded by subsection (a) (3);

20 (D) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 21 resulting in convictions, including convictions on 22 municipal ordinance violations, unless excluded by 23 subsection (a)(3);

(E) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest
 resulting in orders of first offender probation under
 Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of

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the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of
 the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection
 Act, or Section 5-6-3.3 of the Unified Code of
 Corrections; and

5 (F) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest 6 resulting in felony convictions unless otherwise 7 excluded by subsection (a) paragraph (3) of this 8 Section.

9 (3) When Records Are Eligible to Be Sealed. Records 10 identified as eligible under subsection (c)(2) may be 11 sealed as follows:

12 (A) Records identified as eligible under 13 subsection (c)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(B) may be sealed at any 14 time.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
(E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as
eligible under subsection (c)(2)(C) may be sealed 2
years after the termination of petitioner's last
sentence (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(F)).

(C) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
(E) of this paragraph (3), records identified as
eligible under subsections (c) (2) (D), (c) (2) (E), and
(c) (2) (F) may be sealed 3 years after the termination
of the petitioner's last sentence (as defined in
subsection (a) (1) (F)). Convictions requiring public
registration under the Arsonist Registration Act, the

Sex Offender Registration Act, or the Murderer and
 Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act may
 not be sealed until the petitioner is no longer
 required to register under that relevant Act.

5 (D) Records identified in subsection 6 (a)(3)(A)(iii) may be sealed after the petitioner has 7 reached the age of 25 years.

(E) Records identified eligible 8 as under 9 subsections (c)(2)(C), (c)(2)(D), (c)(2)(E), or 10 (c)(2)(F) may be sealed upon termination of the 11 petitioner's last sentence if the petitioner earned a 12 high school diploma, associate's degree, career 13 certificate, vocational technical certification, or 14 bachelor's degree, or passed the high school level Test 15 of General Educational Development, during the period 16 of his or her sentence, aftercare release, or mandatory 17 supervised release. This subparagraph shall apply only 18 to a petitioner who has not completed the same 19 educational goal prior to the period of his or her 20 sentence, aftercare release, or mandatory supervised 21 release. If a petition for sealing eligible records 22 filed under this subparagraph is denied by the court, 23 the time periods under subparagraph (B) or (C) shall apply to any subsequent petition for sealing filed by 24 25 the petitioner.

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(4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not

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have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as provided in this subsection (c) if he or she is convicted of any felony offense after the date of the sealing of prior felony convictions as provided in this subsection (c). The court may, upon conviction for a subsequent felony offense, order the unsealing of prior felony conviction records previously ordered sealed by the court.

8 (5) Notice of eligibility for sealing. Upon entry of a 9 disposition for an eligible record under this subsection 10 (c), the petitioner shall be informed by the court of the 11 right to have the records sealed and the procedures for the 12 sealing of the records.

13 (d) Procedure. The following procedures apply to 14 expungement under subsections (b), (e), and (e-6) and sealing 15 under subsections (c) and (e-5):

16 (1) Filing the petition. Upon becoming eligible to 17 petition for the expungement or sealing of records under Section, the petitioner shall file a petition 18 this 19 requesting the expungement or sealing of records with the 20 clerk of the court where the arrests occurred or the charges were brought, or both. If arrests occurred or 21 22 charges were brought in multiple jurisdictions, a petition 23 must be filed in each such jurisdiction. The petitioner shall pay the applicable fee, except no fee shall be 24 required if the petitioner has obtained a court order 25 26 waiving fees under Supreme Court Rule 298 or it is

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1 otherwise waived.

2 (1.5) County fee waiver pilot program. In a county of 3 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, no fee shall be required to be paid by a petitioner if the records sought to be 4 5 expunged or sealed were arrests resulting in release 6 without charging or arrests or charges not initiated by 7 arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction 8 when the conviction was reversed or vacated, unless 9 excluded by subsection (a) (3) (B). The provisions of this 10 paragraph (1.5), other than this sentence, are inoperative 11 on and after January 1, 2019.

12 (2) Contents of petition. The petition shall be verified and shall contain the petitioner's name, date of 13 14 birth, current address and, for each arrest or charge not 15 initiated by arrest sought to be sealed or expunged, the 16 case number, the date of arrest (if any), the identity of 17 the arresting authority, and such other information as the court may require. During the pendency of the proceeding, 18 19 the petitioner shall promptly notify the circuit court clerk of any change of his or her address. If the 20 petitioner has received a certificate of eligibility for 21 22 sealing from the Prisoner Review Board under paragraph (10) 23 of subsection (a) of Section 3-3-2 of the Unified Code of 24 Corrections, the certificate shall be attached to the 25 petition.

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(3) Drug test. The petitioner must attach to the

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petition proof that the petitioner has passed a test taken 1 2 within 30 days before the filing of the petition showing 3 absence within his or her body of all the illegal Controlled substances as defined by the Illinois 4 5 Substances Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community 6 Protection Act, and the Cannabis Control Act if he or she 7 is petitioning to:

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(A) seal felony records under clause (c)(2)(E);

9 (B) seal felony records for a violation of the 10 Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the 11 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, 12 or the Cannabis Control Act under clause (c) (2) (F);

13 (C) seal felony records under subsection (e-5); or
14 (D) expunge felony records of a qualified
15 probation under clause (b) (1) (iv).

(4) Service of petition. The circuit court clerk shall
promptly serve a copy of the petition and documentation to
support the petition under subsection (e-5) or (e-6) on the
State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of
prosecuting the offense, the Department of State Police,
the arresting agency and the chief legal officer of the
unit of local government effecting the arrest.

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(5) Objections.

(A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition
may file an objection to the petition. All objections
shall be in writing, shall be filed with the circuit

court clerk, and shall state with specificity the basis of the objection. Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, an objection to the petition may not be filed.

6 (B) Objections to a petition to expunge or seal 7 must be filed within 60 days of the date of service of 8 the petition.

9 (6) Entry of order.

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10 (A) The Chief Judge of the circuit wherein the 11 charge was brought, any judge of that circuit 12 designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less 13 than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge 14 at the petitioner's trial, if any, shall rule on the 15 petition to expunge or seal as set forth in this 16 subsection (d) (6).

(B) Unless the State's Attorney or prosecutor, the
Department of State Police, the arresting agency, or
the chief legal officer files an objection to the
petition to expunge or seal within 60 days from the
date of service of the petition, the court shall enter
an order granting or denying the petition.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
the court shall not deny a petition for sealing under
this Section because the petitioner has not satisfied
an outstanding legal financial obligation established,

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imposed, or originated by a court, law enforcement 1 2 agency, or a municipal, State, county, or other unit of 3 local government, including, but not limited to, any cost, assessment, fine, or fee. An outstanding legal 4 5 financial obligation does not include any court ordered restitution to a victim under Section 5-5-6 of 6 7 the Unified Code of Corrections, unless the 8 restitution has been converted to a civil judgment. 9 Nothing in this subparagraph (C) waives, rescinds, or 10 abrogates a legal financial obligation or otherwise 11 eliminates or affects the right of the holder of any 12 financial obligation to pursue collection under applicable federal, State, or local law. 13

14 (7) Hearings. If an objection is filed, the court shall 15 set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and all 16 parties entitled to notice of the petition of the hearing 17 date at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Prior to the hearing, the State's Attorney shall consult with the 18 19 Department as to the appropriateness of the relief sought 20 in the petition to expunge or seal. At the hearing, the 21 court shall hear evidence on whether the petition should or 22 should not be granted, and shall grant or deny the petition 23 to expunge or seal the records based on the evidence 24 presented at the hearing. The court may consider the 25 following:

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(A) the strength of the evidence supporting the

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defendant's conviction;

2 (B) the reasons for retention of the conviction
3 records by the State;

4 (C) the petitioner's age, criminal record history,
5 and employment history;

6 (D) the period of time between the petitioner's 7 arrest on the charge resulting in the conviction and 8 the filing of the petition under this Section; and

9 (E) the specific adverse consequences the 10 petitioner may be subject to if the petition is denied.

11 (8) Service of order. After entering an order to 12 expunge or seal records, the court must provide copies of 13 the order to the Department, in a form and manner 14 prescribed by the Department, to the petitioner, to the 15 State's Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of 16 prosecuting the offense, to the arresting agency, to the 17 chief legal officer of the unit of local government effecting the arrest, and to such other criminal justice 18 19 agencies as may be ordered by the court.

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(9) Implementation of order.

(A) Upon entry of an order to expunge records
pursuant to (b) (2) (A) or (b) (2) (B) (ii), or both:

(i) the records shall be expunded (as defined
in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency,
the Department, and any other agency as ordered by
the court, within 60 days of the date of service of

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the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk 4 5 shall be impounded until further order of the court 6 upon good cause shown and the name of the 7 petitioner obliterated on the official index 8 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk 9 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 10 the order shall not affect any index issued by the 11 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order; 12 and

13 (iii) in response to an inquiry for expunded 14 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 15 receiving such inquiry, shall reply as it does in 16 response to inquiries when no records ever 17 existed.

(B) Upon entry of an order to expunge records 18 19 pursuant to (b)(2)(B)(i) or (b)(2)(C), or both:

20 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined 21 in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency 22 and any other agency as ordered by the court, 23 within 60 days of the date of service of the order, 24 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider 25 the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of 26 subsection (d) of this Section;

(ii) the records of the circuit court clerk 1 2 shall be impounded until further order of the court 3 upon good cause shown and the name of the petitioner obliterated on the official index 4 5 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but 6 7 the order shall not affect any index issued by the 8 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;

9 (iii) the records shall be impounded by the 10 Department within 60 days of the date of service of 11 the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion 12 to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed 13 pursuant to paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of 14 this Section:

15 (iv) records impounded by the Department may 16 be disseminated by the Department only as required 17 by law or to the arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the 18 19 same or a similar offense or for the purpose of 20 sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the 21 Department of Corrections upon conviction for any 22 offense; and

23 (v) in response to an inquiry for such records 24 from anyone not authorized by law to access such 25 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 26 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in

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to inquiries when no records ever response existed.

(B-5) Upon entry of an order to expunge records under subsection (e-6):

(i) the records shall be expunged (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(E)) by the arresting agency and any other agency as ordered by the court, within 60 days of the date of service of the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed under paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

12 (ii) the records of the circuit court clerk 13 shall be impounded until further order of the court 14 upon good cause shown and the name of the 15 petitioner obliterated on the official index 16 required to be kept by the circuit court clerk 17 under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the order shall not affect any index issued by the 18 19 circuit court clerk before the entry of the order;

20 (iii) the records shall be impounded by the Department within 60 days of the date of service of 21 22 the order as ordered by the court, unless a motion 23 to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order is filed 24 under paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this 25 Section;

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(iv) records impounded by the Department may

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be disseminated by the Department only as required by law or to the arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the same or a similar offense or for the purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the Department of Corrections upon conviction for any offense; and

8 (v) in response to an inquiry for these records 9 from anyone not authorized by law to access the 10 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 11 receiving the inquiry shall reply as it does in 12 response to inquiries when no records ever 13 existed.

14 (C) Upon entry of an order to seal records under 15 subsection (c), the arresting agency, any other agency 16 as ordered by the court, the Department, and the court 17 shall seal the records (as defined in subsection (a) (1) (K)). In response to an inquiry for such records, 18 19 from anyone not authorized by law to access such 20 records, the court, the Department, or the agency 21 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in 22 response to inquiries when no records ever existed.

(D) The Department shall send written notice to the
petitioner of its compliance with each order to expunge
or seal records within 60 days of the date of service
of that order or, if a motion to vacate, modify, or

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reconsider is filed, within 60 days of service of the 1 2 order resolving the motion, if that order requires the 3 Department to expunge or seal records. In the event of an appeal from the circuit court order, the Department 4 5 shall send written notice to the petitioner of its 6 compliance with an Appellate Court or Supreme Court 7 judgment to expunge or seal records within 60 days of the issuance of the court's mandate. The notice is not 8 9 required while any motion to vacate, modify, or 10 reconsider, or any appeal or petition for 11 discretionary appellate review, is pending.

12 (E) Upon motion, the court may order that a sealed 13 other court judgment or record necessarv to 14 demonstrate the amount of any legal financial 15 obligation due and owing be made available for the 16 limited purpose of collecting any legal financial 17 obligations owed by the petitioner that were established, imposed, or originated in the criminal 18 19 proceeding for which those records have been sealed. 20 The records made available under this subparagraph (E) shall not be entered into the official index required 21 22 to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 23 of the Clerks of Courts Act and shall be immediately re-impounded upon the collection of the outstanding 24 25 financial obligations.

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(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of this

Section, a circuit court clerk may access a sealed record for the limited purpose of collecting payment for any legal financial obligations that were established, imposed, or originated in the criminal proceedings for which those records have been sealed.

6 (10) Fees. The Department may charge the petitioner a fee equivalent to the cost of processing any order to 7 8 expunge or seal records. Notwithstanding any provision of 9 the Clerks of Courts Act to the contrary, the circuit court 10 clerk may charge a fee equivalent to the cost associated 11 with the sealing or expungement of records by the circuit 12 court clerk. From the total filing fee collected for the 13 petition to seal or expunge, the circuit court clerk shall 14 deposit \$10 into the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund, to be used to offset the costs 15 16 incurred by the circuit court clerk in performing the 17 additional duties required to serve the petition to seal or expunge on all parties. The circuit court clerk shall 18 19 collect and forward the Department of State Police portion 20 of the fee to the Department and it shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund. If the record brought under 21 22 an expungement petition was previously sealed under this 23 Section, the fee for the expungement petition for that same 24 record shall be waived.

(11) Final Order. No court order issued under the
 expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall

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become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after
 service of the order on the petitioner and all parties
 entitled to notice of the petition.

(12) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under 4 5 Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the 6 petitioner or any party entitled to notice may file a 7 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider the order granting or denying the petition to expunge or seal within 60 days 8 9 of service of the order. If filed more than 60 days after 10 service of the order, a petition to vacate, modify, or 11 reconsider shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 12 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Upon filing of a 13 motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider, notice of the 14 motion shall be served upon the petitioner and all parties 15 entitled to notice of the petition.

16 (13) Effect of Order. An order granting a petition under the expungement or sealing provisions of this Section 17 shall not be considered void because it fails to comply 18 19 with the provisions of this Section or because of any error 20 asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The 21 circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether 22 the order is voidable and to vacate, modify, or reconsider 23 its terms based on a motion filed under paragraph (12) of 24 this subsection (d).

(14) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal
 Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order

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1 granting a petition to seal, all parties entitled to notice 2 of the petition must fully comply with the terms of the 3 order within 60 days of service of the order even if a 4 party is seeking relief from the order through a motion 5 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is 6 appealing the order.

7 (15) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to 8 Expunge Records. While a party is seeking relief from the 9 order granting the petition to expunge through a motion 10 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is 11 appealing the order, and unless a court has entered a stay 12 of that order, the parties entitled to notice of the 13 petition must seal, but need not expunge, the records until 14 there is a final order on the motion for relief or, in the 15 case of an appeal, the issuance of that court's mandate.

16 (16) The changes to this subsection (d) made by Public
17 Act 98-163 apply to all petitions pending on August 5, 2013
18 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163) and to all orders
19 ruling on a petition to expunge or seal on or after August
20 5, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163).

(e) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically authorizes expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the

presiding trial judge at the defendant's trial, have a court 1 2 order entered expunding the record of arrest from the official 3 records of the arresting authority and order that the records of the circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until 4 5 further order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise provided herein, and the name of the defendant 6 obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the 7 circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts 8 9 Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the 10 offense for which he or she had been pardoned but the order 11 shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk 12 before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the 13 Department may be disseminated by the Department only to the 14 arresting authority, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a 15 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose 16 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for 17 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining 18 19 to that individual. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the 20 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to 21 the person who was pardoned.

(e-5) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for sealing by the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes sealing, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any

judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in 1 2 counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding trial judge at the petitioner's trial, have a court order 3 entered sealing the record of arrest from the official records 4 5 of the arresting authority and order that the records of the 6 circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until further 7 order of the court upon good cause shown or as otherwise 8 provided herein, and the name of the petitioner obliterated 9 from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit 10 court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act in 11 connection with the arrest and conviction for the offense for 12 which he or she had been granted the certificate but the order 13 shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk 14 before the entry of the order. All records sealed by the 15 Department may be disseminated by the Department only as 16 required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law 17 enforcement agency, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose 18 19 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for 20 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall 21 have access to all sealed records of the Department pertaining 22 to that individual. Upon entry of the order of sealing, the 23 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for 24 25 sealing.

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(e-6) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an

offense is granted a certificate of eligibility for expungement 1 2 by the Prisoner Review Board which specifically authorizes 3 expungement, he or she may, upon verified petition to the Chief Judge of the circuit where the person had been convicted, any 4 5 judge of the circuit designated by the Chief Judge, or in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the presiding 6 trial judge at the petitioner's trial, have a court order 7 8 entered expunging the record of arrest from the official 9 records of the arresting authority and order that the records 10 of the circuit court clerk and the Department be sealed until 11 further order of the court upon good cause shown or as 12 otherwise provided herein, and the name of the petitioner 13 obliterated from the official index requested to be kept by the circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts 14 Act in connection with the arrest and conviction for the 15 16 offense for which he or she had been granted the certificate 17 but the order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the entry of the order. All records sealed 18 19 by the Department may be disseminated by the Department only as 20 required by this Act or to the arresting authority, a law 21 enforcement agency, the State's Attorney, and the court upon a 22 later arrest for the same or similar offense or for the purpose 23 of sentencing for any subsequent felony. Upon conviction for 24 any subsequent offense, the Department of Corrections shall 25 have access to all expunged records of the Department 26 pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the order of

expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for expungement.

(f) Subject to available funding, the Illinois Department 4 5 of Corrections shall conduct a study of the impact of sealing, especially on employment and recidivism rates, utilizing a 6 7 random sample of those who apply for the sealing of their criminal records under Public Act 93-211. At the request of the 8 9 Illinois Department of Corrections, records of the Illinois 10 Department of Employment Security shall be utilized as 11 appropriate to assist in the study. The study shall not 12 disclose any data in a manner that would allow the 13 identification of any particular individual or employing unit. The study shall be made available to the General Assembly no 14 15 later than September 1, 2010.

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(g) Immediate Sealing.

(1) Applicability. Notwithstanding any other provision
of this Act to the contrary, and cumulative with any rights
to expungement or sealing of criminal records, this
subsection authorizes the immediate sealing of criminal
records of adults and of minors prosecuted as adults.

(2) Eligible Records. Arrests or charges not initiated
by arrest resulting in acquittal or dismissal with
prejudice, except as excluded by subsection (a) (3) (B),
that occur on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date
of Public Act 100-282), may be sealed immediately if the

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petition is filed with the circuit court clerk on the same day and during the same hearing in which the case is disposed.

4 (3) When Records are Eligible to be Immediately Sealed.
5 Eligible records under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g)
6 may be sealed immediately after entry of the final
7 disposition of a case, notwithstanding the disposition of
8 other charges in the same case.

9 (4) Notice of Eligibility for Immediate Sealing. Upon 10 entry of a disposition for an eligible record under this 11 subsection (g), the defendant shall be informed by the 12 court of his or her right to have eligible records 13 immediately sealed and the procedure for the immediate 14 sealing of these records.

15 (5) Procedure. The following procedures apply to
 16 immediate sealing under this subsection (g).

17 (A) Filing the Petition. Upon entry of the final disposition of the case, the defendant's attorney may 18 19 immediately petition the court, on behalf of the 20 defendant, for immediate sealing of eligible records 21 under paragraph (2) of this subsection (g) that are 22 entered on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date 23 of Public Act 100-282). The immediate sealing petition 24 may be filed with the circuit court clerk during the 25 hearing in which the final disposition of the case is 26 entered. If the defendant's attorney does not file the

petition for immediate sealing during the hearing, the defendant may file a petition for sealing at any time as authorized under subsection (c) (3) (A).

4 (B) Contents of Petition. The immediate sealing 5 petition shall be verified and shall contain the 6 petitioner's name, date of birth, current address, and 7 for each eligible record, the case number, the date of 8 arrest if applicable, the identity of the arresting 9 authority if applicable, and other information as the 10 court may require.

(C) Drug Test. The petitioner shall not be required to attach proof that he or she has passed a drug test.

(D) Service of Petition. A copy of the petition
shall be served on the State's Attorney in open court.
The petitioner shall not be required to serve a copy of
the petition on any other agency.

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17 (E) Entry of Order. The presiding trial judge shall 18 enter an order granting or denying the petition for 19 immediate sealing during the hearing in which it is 20 filed. Petitions for immediate sealing shall be ruled 21 on in the same hearing in which the final disposition 22 of the case is entered.

(F) Hearings. The court shall hear the petition for
immediate sealing on the same day and during the same
hearing in which the disposition is rendered.

(G) Service of Order. An order to immediately seal

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eligible records shall be served in conformance with subsection (d)(8).

(H) Implementation of Order. An order to immediately seal records shall be implemented in conformance with subsections (d) (9) (C) and (d) (9) (D).

(I) Fees. The fee imposed by the circuit court clerk and the Department of State Police shall comply with paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Section.

9 (J) Final Order. No court order issued under this 10 subsection (g) shall become final for purposes of 11 appeal until 30 days after service of the order on the 12 petitioner and all parties entitled to service of the 13 order in conformance with subsection (d) (8).

14 (K) Motion to Vacate, Modify, or Reconsider. Under 15 Section 2-1203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the 16 petitioner, State's Attorney, or the Department of 17 State Police may file a motion to vacate, modify, or 18 reconsider the order denying the petition to 19 immediately seal within 60 days of service of the 20 order. If filed more than 60 days after service of the 21 order, a petition to vacate, modify, or reconsider 22 shall comply with subsection (c) of Section 2-1401 of 23 the Code of Civil Procedure.

(L) Effect of Order. An order granting an immediate
sealing petition shall not be considered void because
it fails to comply with the provisions of this Section

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or because of an error asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider. The circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine whether the order is voidable, and to vacate, modify, or reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under subparagraph (L) of this subsection (g).

7 (M) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to 8 Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an 9 order granting a petition to immediately seal, all 10 parties entitled to service of the order must fully 11 comply with the terms of the order within 60 days of 12 service of the order.

13 (h) Sealing; trafficking victims.

14 (1) A trafficking victim as defined by paragraph (10) 15 of subsection (a) of Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 16 2012 shall be eligible to petition for immediate sealing of 17 his or her criminal record upon the completion of his or her last sentence if his or her participation in the 18 underlying offense was a direct result of human trafficking 19 20 under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe 21 form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims 22 Protection Act.

(2) A petitioner under this subsection (h), in addition
to the requirements provided under paragraph (4) of
subsection (d) of this Section, shall include in his or her
petition a clear and concise statement that: (A) he or she

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was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the offense was a direct result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

7 If an objection is filed alleging that the (3) 8 petitioner is not entitled to immediate sealing under this 9 subsection (h), the court shall conduct a hearing under 10 paragraph (7) of subsection (d) of this Section and the 11 court shall determine whether the petitioner is entitled to 12 immediate sealing under this subsection (h). A petitioner is eligible for immediate relief under this subsection (h) 13 14 if he or she shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, 15 that: (A) he or she was a victim of human trafficking at 16 the time of the offense; and (B) that his or her 17 participation in the offense was a direct result of human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 18 19 a severe form of trafficking under the federal or 20 Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

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