

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 expungement  
8 or sealing.

9 (a) General Provisions.

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

13 (A) The following terms shall have the meanings  
14 ascribed to them in the Unified Code of Corrections,  
15 730 ILCS 5/5-1-2 through 5/5-1-22:

16 (i) Business Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-2),

17 (ii) Charge (730 ILCS 5/5-1-3),

18 (iii) Court (730 ILCS 5/5-1-6),

19 (iv) Defendant (730 ILCS 5/5-1-7),

20 (v) Felony (730 ILCS 5/5-1-9),

21 (vi) Imprisonment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-10),

22 (vii) Judgment (730 ILCS 5/5-1-12),

23 (viii) Misdemeanor (730 ILCS 5/5-1-14),

1 (ix) Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-15),  
2 (x) Parole (730 ILCS 5/5-1-16),  
3 (xi) Petty Offense (730 ILCS 5/5-1-17),  
4 (xii) Probation (730 ILCS 5/5-1-18),  
5 (xiii) Sentence (730 ILCS 5/5-1-19),  
6 (xiv) Supervision (730 ILCS 5/5-1-21), and  
7 (xv) Victim (730 ILCS 5/5-1-22).

8 (B) As used in this Section, "charge not initiated  
9 by arrest" means a charge (as defined by 730 ILCS  
10 5/5-1-3) brought against a defendant where the  
11 defendant is not arrested prior to or as a direct  
12 result of the charge.

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

1 reversed or vacated.

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

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

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

1 of qualified probation terminate on the same day and  
2 are last in time, they shall be collectively  
3 considered the "last sentence" regardless of whether  
4 they were ordered to run concurrently.

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

9 (G-5) "Minor Cannabis Offense" means a violation  
10 of Section 4 or 5 of the Cannabis Control Act  
11 concerning not more than 30 grams of any substance  
12 containing cannabis, provided the violation did not  
13 include a penalty enhancement under Section 7 of the  
14 Cannabis Control Act and is not associated with an  
15 arrest, conviction or other disposition for a violent  
16 crime as defined in subsection (c) of Section 3 of the  
17 Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

18 (H) "Municipal ordinance violation" means an  
19 offense defined by a municipal or local ordinance that  
20 is criminal in nature and with which the petitioner  
21 was charged or for which the petitioner was arrested  
22 and released without charging.

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

26 (J) "Qualified probation" means an order of

1           probation under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control  
2           Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances  
3           Act, Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and  
4           Community Protection Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4  
5           of the Unified Code of Corrections, Section  
6           12-4.3(b) (1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of 1961 (as  
7           those provisions existed before their deletion by  
8           Public Act 89-313), Section 10-102 of the Illinois  
9           Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section  
10          40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10  
11          of the Steroid Control Act. For the purpose of this  
12          Section, "successful completion" of an order of  
13          qualified probation under Section 10-102 of the  
14          Illinois Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act and  
15          Section 40-10 of the Substance Use Disorder Act means  
16          that the probation was terminated satisfactorily and  
17          the judgment of conviction was vacated.

18           (K) "Seal" means to physically and electronically  
19          maintain the records, unless the records would  
20          otherwise be destroyed due to age, but to make the  
21          records unavailable without a court order, subject to  
22          the exceptions in Sections 12 and 13 of this Act. The  
23          petitioner's name shall also be obliterated from the  
24          official index required to be kept by the circuit  
25          court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts  
26          Act, but any index issued by the circuit court clerk

1 before the entry of the order to seal shall not be  
2 affected.

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

8 (M) "Terminate" as it relates to a sentence or  
9 order of supervision or qualified probation includes  
10 either satisfactory or unsatisfactory termination of  
11 the sentence, unless otherwise specified in this  
12 Section. A sentence is terminated notwithstanding any  
13 outstanding financial legal obligation.

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

18 (2.5) Commencing 180 days after July 29, 2016 (the  
19 effective date of Public Act 99-697), the law enforcement  
20 agency issuing the citation shall automatically expunge,  
21 on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the law  
22 enforcement records of a person found to have committed a  
23 civil law violation of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the  
24 Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of  
25 the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act in the law enforcement  
26 agency's possession or control and which contains the

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

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

20 (A) the sealing or expungement of the records of  
21 arrests or charges not initiated by arrest that result  
22 in an order of supervision for or conviction of: (i)  
23 any sexual offense committed against a minor; (ii)  
24 Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a  
25 similar provision of a local ordinance; or (iii)  
26 Section 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a

1 similar provision of a local ordinance, unless the  
2 arrest or charge is for a misdemeanor violation of  
3 subsection (a) of Section 11-503 or a similar  
4 provision of a local ordinance, that occurred prior to  
5 the offender reaching the age of 25 years and the  
6 offender has no other conviction for violating Section  
7 11-501 or 11-503 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a  
8 similar provision of a local ordinance.

9 (B) the sealing or expungement of records of minor  
10 traffic offenses (as defined in subsection (a)(1)(G)),  
11 unless the petitioner was arrested and released  
12 without charging.

13 (C) the sealing of the records of arrests or  
14 charges not initiated by arrest which result in an  
15 order of supervision or a conviction for the following  
16 offenses:

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

24 (ii) Section 11-1.50, 12-3.4, 12-15, 12-30,  
25 26-5, or 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the  
26 Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar provision of a



1 local ordinance;

2 (iii) Sections 12-3.1 or 12-3.2 of the  
3 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of  
4 2012, or Section 125 of the Stalking No Contact  
5 Order Act, or Section 219 of the Civil No Contact  
6 Order Act, or a similar provision of a local  
7 ordinance;

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

10 (v) any offense or attempted offense that  
11 would subject a person to registration under the  
12 Sex Offender Registration Act.

13 (D) (blank).

14 (b) Expungement.

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

1           successfully completed by the petitioner.

2           (1.5) When a petitioner seeks to have a record of  
3           arrest expunged under this Section, and the offender has  
4           been convicted of a criminal offense, the State's Attorney  
5           may object to the expungement on the grounds that the  
6           records contain specific relevant information aside from  
7           the mere fact of the arrest.

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

9           (A) When the arrest or charge not initiated by  
10          arrest sought to be expunged resulted in an acquittal,  
11          dismissal, the petitioner's release without charging,  
12          or the reversal or vacation of a conviction, there is  
13          no waiting period to petition for the expungement of  
14          such records. Subsection (g) of this Section provides  
15          for immediate expungement of certain records.

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

20                 (i) Those arrests or charges that resulted in  
21                 orders of supervision under Section 3-707, 3-708,  
22                 3-710, or 5-401.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or  
23                 a similar provision of a local ordinance, or under  
24                 Section 11-1.50, 12-3.2, or 12-15 of the Criminal  
25                 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or a  
26                 similar provision of a local ordinance, shall not

1           be eligible for expungement until 5 years have  
2           passed following the satisfactory termination of  
3           the supervision.

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

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

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

26          (3) Those records maintained by the Department for

1 persons arrested prior to their 17th birthday shall be  
2 expunged as provided in Section 5-915 of the Juvenile  
3 Court Act of 1987.

4 (4) Whenever a person has been arrested for or  
5 convicted of any offense, in the name of a person whose  
6 identity he or she has stolen or otherwise come into  
7 possession of, the aggrieved person from whom the identity  
8 was stolen or otherwise obtained without authorization,  
9 upon learning of the person having been arrested using his  
10 or her identity, may, upon verified petition to the chief  
11 judge of the circuit wherein the arrest was made, have a  
12 court order entered nunc pro tunc by the Chief Judge to  
13 correct the arrest record, conviction record, if any, and  
14 all official records of the arresting authority, the  
15 Department, other criminal justice agencies, the  
16 prosecutor, and the trial court concerning such arrest, if  
17 any, by removing his or her name from all such records in  
18 connection with the arrest and conviction, if any, and by  
19 inserting in the records the name of the offender, if  
20 known or ascertainable, in lieu of the aggrieved's name.  
21 The records of the circuit court clerk shall be sealed  
22 until further order of the court upon good cause shown and  
23 the name of the aggrieved person obliterated on the  
24 official index required to be kept by the circuit court  
25 clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of Courts Act, but the  
26 order shall not affect any index issued by the circuit

1 court clerk before the entry of the order. Nothing in this  
2 Section shall limit the Department of State Police or  
3 other criminal justice agencies or prosecutors from  
4 listing under an offender's name the false names he or she  
5 has used.

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

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

1 expungement order for the conviction for which the  
2 petitioner has been determined to be innocent as provided  
3 in subsection (b) of Section 5-5-4 of the Unified Code of  
4 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,  
10 Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act,  
11 Section 70 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community  
12 Protection Act, Section 5-6-3.3 or 5-6-3.4 of the Unified  
13 Code of Corrections, Section 12-4.3 or subdivision (b)(1)  
14 of Section 12-3.05 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the  
15 Criminal Code of 2012, Section 10-102 of the Illinois  
16 Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Act, Section 40-10 of  
17 the Substance Use Disorder Act, or Section 10 of the  
18 Steroid Control Act.

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

26 (c) Sealing.

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

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

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

11           (B) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest  
12 resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when  
13 the conviction was reversed or vacated, except as  
14 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);

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

1 the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Section 70 of  
2 the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection  
3 Act, or Section 5-6-3.3 of the Unified Code of  
4 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  
14 any time.

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

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



1 Sex Offender Registration Act, or the Murderer and  
2 Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act may  
3 not be sealed until the petitioner is no longer  
4 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.

8 (E) Records identified as eligible 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  
15 Test of General Educational Development, during the  
16 period of his or her sentence or mandatory supervised  
17 release. This subparagraph shall apply only to a  
18 petitioner who has not completed the same educational  
19 goal prior to the period of his or her sentence or  
20 mandatory supervised release. If a petition for  
21 sealing eligible records filed under this subparagraph  
22 is denied by the court, the time periods under  
23 subparagraph (B) or (C) shall apply to any subsequent  
24 petition for sealing filed by the petitioner.

25 (4) Subsequent felony convictions. A person may not  
26 have subsequent felony conviction records sealed as

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

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

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

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

1           (1.5) County fee waiver pilot program. From August 9,  
2           2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-306) through  
3           December 31, 2020, in a county of 3,000,000 or more  
4           inhabitants, no fee shall be required to be paid by a  
5           petitioner if the records sought to be expunged or sealed  
6           were arrests resulting in release without charging or  
7           arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in  
8           acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction  
9           was reversed or vacated, unless excluded by subsection  
10          (a)(3)(B). The provisions of this paragraph (1.5), other  
11          than this sentence, are inoperative on and after January  
12          1, 2022.

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

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

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

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

14           (C) seal felony records under subsection (e-5); or

15           (D) expunge felony records of a qualified  
16 probation under clause (b) (1) (iv).

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

24           (5) Objections.

25           (A) Any party entitled to notice of the petition  
26 may file an objection to the petition. All objections

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

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

10 (6) Entry of order.

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

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

24 (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
25 the court shall not deny a petition for sealing under  
26 this Section because the petitioner has not satisfied

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

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

1 (A) the strength of the evidence supporting the  
2 defendant's conviction;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (9) Implementation of order.

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

25 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined  
26 in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency,

1 the Department, and any other agency as ordered by  
2 the court, within 60 days of the date of service of  
3 the order, unless a motion to vacate, modify, or  
4 reconsider the order is filed pursuant to  
5 paragraph (12) of subsection (d) of this Section;

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

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

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

22 (i) the records shall be expunged (as defined  
23 in subsection (a) (1) (E)) by the arresting agency  
24 and any other agency as ordered by the court,  
25 within 60 days of the date of service of the order,  
26 unless a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider



1           the order is filed pursuant to paragraph (12) of  
2           subsection (d) of this Section;

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

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

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

25          (v) in response to an inquiry for such records  
26          from anyone not authorized by law to access such

1 records, the court, the Department, or the agency  
2 receiving such inquiry shall reply as it does in  
3 response to inquiries when no records ever  
4 existed.

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

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

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

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

1           this Section;

2                   (iv) records impounded by the Department may  
3           be disseminated by the Department only as required  
4           by law or to the arresting authority, the State's  
5           Attorney, and the court upon a later arrest for  
6           the same or a similar offense or for the purpose of  
7           sentencing for any subsequent felony, and to the  
8           Department of Corrections upon conviction for any  
9           offense; and

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

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

25                   (D) The Department shall send written notice to  
26           the petitioner of its compliance with each order to

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

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

1 re-impounded upon the collection of the outstanding  
2 financial obligations.

3 (F) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
4 Section, a circuit court clerk may access a sealed  
5 record for the limited purpose of collecting payment  
6 for any legal financial obligations that were  
7 established, imposed, or originated in the criminal  
8 proceedings for which those records have been sealed.

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

1 expungement petition for that same record shall be waived.

2 (11) Final Order. No court order issued under the  
3 expungement or sealing provisions of this Section shall  
4 become final for purposes of appeal until 30 days after  
5 service of the order on the petitioner and all parties  
6 entitled to notice of the petition.

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

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

1 under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d).

2 (14) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to Seal  
3 Records. Unless a court has entered a stay of an order  
4 granting a petition to seal, all parties entitled to  
5 notice of the petition must fully comply with the terms of  
6 the order within 60 days of service of the order even if a  
7 party is seeking relief from the order through a motion  
8 filed under paragraph (12) of this subsection (d) or is  
9 appealing the order.

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

20 (16) The changes to this subsection (d) made by Public  
21 Act 98-163 apply to all petitions pending on August 5,  
22 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163) and to all  
23 orders ruling on a petition to expunge or seal on or after  
24 August 5, 2013 (the effective date of Public Act 98-163).

25 (e) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an offense  
26 is granted a pardon by the Governor which specifically

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

26 (e-5) Whenever a person who has been convicted of an



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

1 circuit court clerk shall promptly mail a copy of the order to  
2 the person who was granted the certificate of eligibility for  
3 sealing.

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

1 or for the purpose of sentencing for any subsequent felony.  
2 Upon conviction for any subsequent offense, the Department of  
3 Corrections shall have access to all expunged records of the  
4 Department pertaining to that individual. Upon entry of the  
5 order of expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly  
6 mail a copy of the order to the person who was granted the  
7 certificate of eligibility for expungement.

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

20 (g) Immediate Expungement or Sealing.

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

1           (2) Eligible Records. Arrests or charges not initiated  
2 by arrest resulting in acquittal or dismissal with  
3 prejudice, except as excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B),  
4 that occur on or after January 1, 2018 (the effective date  
5 of Public Act 100-282), may be sealed immediately if the  
6 petition is filed with the circuit court clerk on the same  
7 day and during the same hearing in which the case is  
8 disposed.

9           (2.1) Arrests or charges not initiated by arrest  
10 resulting in acquittal or dismissal with prejudice, except  
11 as excluded by subsection (a)(3)(B), that occur on or  
12 after January 1, 2018 (the effective date of Public Act  
13 100-282), may be expunged immediately if the petition is  
14 filed with the circuit court clerk on the same day and  
15 during the same hearing in which the case is disposed,  
16 except records concerning the offenses of criminal sexual  
17 assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory  
18 criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual abuse,  
19 aggravated criminal sexual abuse, domestic battery,  
20 aggravated domestic battery, a violation of an order of  
21 protection, a violation of a civil no contact order, or a  
22 violation of a stalking no contact order may not be  
23 expunged immediately.

24           (3) When Records are Eligible to be Immediately  
25 Expunged or Sealed. Eligible records under paragraph (2)  
26 of this subsection (g) may be expunged or sealed

1 immediately after entry of the final disposition of a  
2 case, notwithstanding the disposition of other charges in  
3 the same case.

4 (4) Notice of Eligibility for Immediate Expungement or  
5 Sealing. Upon entry of a disposition for an eligible  
6 record under this subsection (g), the defendant shall be  
7 informed by the court of his or her right to have eligible  
8 records immediately expunged or sealed and the procedure  
9 for the immediate expungement or sealing of these records.

10 (5) Procedure. The following procedures apply to  
11 immediate expungement or sealing under this subsection  
12 (g).

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

1           item (b) (2) (A) or subsection (c) (3) (A).

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

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

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

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

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

1 (G) Service of Order. An order to immediately  
2 expunge or seal eligible records shall be served in  
3 conformance with paragraph (8) of subsection (d)  
4 ~~subsection (d) (8)~~.

5 (H) Implementation of Order. An order to  
6 immediately expunge or seal records shall be  
7 implemented in conformance with subsections (d) (6) (B),  
8 26 (d) (9) (A) (i), (d) (9) (A) (ii), (d) (9) (A) (iii),  
9 (d) (9) (C), and (d) (9) (D).

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

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

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

1 2-1401 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

2 (L) Effect of Order. An order granting an  
3 immediate expungement or sealing petition shall not be  
4 considered void because it fails to comply with the  
5 provisions of this Section or because of an error  
6 asserted in a motion to vacate, modify, or reconsider.  
7 The circuit court retains jurisdiction to determine  
8 whether the order is voidable, and to vacate, modify,  
9 or reconsider its terms based on a motion filed under  
10 subparagraph (L) of this subsection (g).

11 (M) Compliance with Order Granting Petition to  
12 Expunge or Seal Records. Unless a court has entered a  
13 stay of an order granting a petition to immediately  
14 expunge or seal, all parties entitled to service of  
15 the order must fully comply with the terms of the order  
16 within 60 days of service of the order.

17 (N) Effect of acquittals. Arrests or charges that  
18 result in acquittals shall not be used as the basis for  
19 penalty enhancements in subsequent criminal  
20 prosecutions.

21 (h) Sealing; trafficking victims.

22 (1) A trafficking victim as defined by paragraph (10)  
23 of subsection (a) of Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of  
24 2012 shall be eligible to petition for immediate sealing  
25 of his or her criminal record upon the completion of his or  
26 her last sentence if his or her participation in the



1           underlying offense was a direct result of human  
2           trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of  
3           2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal  
4           Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

5           (2) A petitioner under this subsection (h), in  
6           addition to the requirements provided under paragraph (4)  
7           of subsection (d) of this Section, shall include in his or  
8           her petition a clear and concise statement that: (A) he or  
9           she was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the  
10          offense; and (B) that his or her participation in the  
11          offense was a direct result of human trafficking under  
12          Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or a severe form  
13          of trafficking under the federal Trafficking Victims  
14          Protection Act.

15          (3) If an objection is filed alleging that the  
16          petitioner is not entitled to immediate sealing under this  
17          subsection (h), the court shall conduct a hearing under  
18          paragraph (7) of subsection (d) of this Section and the  
19          court shall determine whether the petitioner is entitled  
20          to immediate sealing under this subsection (h). A  
21          petitioner is eligible for immediate relief under this  
22          subsection (h) if he or she shows, by a preponderance of  
23          the evidence, that: (A) he or she was a victim of human  
24          trafficking at the time of the offense; and (B) that his or  
25          her participation in the offense was a direct result of  
26          human trafficking under Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code

1 of 2012 or a severe form of trafficking under the federal  
2 Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

3 (i) Minor Cannabis Offenses under the Cannabis Control  
4 Act.

5 (1) Expungement of Arrest Records of Minor Cannabis  
6 Offenses.

7 (A) The Department of State Police and all law  
8 enforcement agencies within the State shall  
9 automatically expunge all criminal history records of  
10 an arrest, charge not initiated by arrest, order of  
11 supervision, or order of qualified probation for a  
12 Minor Cannabis Offense committed prior to June 25,  
13 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) if:

14 (i) One year or more has elapsed since the  
15 date of the arrest or law enforcement interaction  
16 documented in the records; and

17 (ii) No criminal charges were filed relating  
18 to the arrest or law enforcement interaction or  
19 criminal charges were filed and subsequently  
20 dismissed or vacated or the arrestee was  
21 acquitted.

22 (B) If the law enforcement agency is unable to  
23 verify satisfaction of condition (ii) in paragraph  
24 (A), records that satisfy condition (i) in paragraph  
25 (A) shall be automatically expunged.

26 (C) Records shall be expunged by the law

1 enforcement agency under the following timelines:

2 (i) Records created prior to June 25, 2019  
3 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27), but on  
4 or after January 1, 2013, shall be automatically  
5 expunged prior to January 1, 2021;

6 (ii) Records created prior to January 1, 2013,  
7 but on or after January 1, 2000, shall be  
8 automatically expunged prior to January 1, 2023;

9 (iii) Records created prior to January 1, 2000  
10 shall be automatically expunged prior to January  
11 1, 2025.

12 In response to an inquiry for expunged records,  
13 the law enforcement agency receiving such inquiry  
14 shall reply as it does in response to inquiries when no  
15 records ever existed; however, it shall provide a  
16 certificate of disposition or confirmation that the  
17 record was expunged to the individual whose record was  
18 expunged if such a record exists.

19 (D) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to  
20 restrict or modify an individual's right to have that  
21 individual's records expunged except as otherwise may  
22 be provided in this Act, or diminish or abrogate any  
23 rights or remedies otherwise available to the  
24 individual.

25 (2) Pardons Authorizing Expungement of Minor Cannabis  
26 Offenses.

1           (A) Upon June 25, 2019 (the effective date of  
2 Public Act 101-27), the Department of State Police  
3 shall review all criminal history record information  
4 and identify all records that meet all of the  
5 following criteria:

6           (i) one or more convictions for a Minor  
7 Cannabis Offense;

8           (ii) the conviction identified in paragraph  
9 (2)(A)(i) did not include a penalty enhancement  
10 under Section 7 of the Cannabis Control Act; and

11           (iii) the conviction identified in paragraph  
12 (2)(A)(i) is not associated with a conviction for  
13 a violent crime as defined in subsection (c) of  
14 Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and  
15 Witnesses Act.

16           (B) Within 180 days after June 25, 2019 (the  
17 effective date of Public Act 101-27), the Department  
18 of State Police shall notify the Prisoner Review Board  
19 of all such records that meet the criteria established  
20 in paragraph (2)(A).

21           (i) The Prisoner Review Board shall notify the  
22 State's Attorney of the county of conviction of  
23 each record identified by State Police in  
24 paragraph (2)(A) that is classified as a Class 4  
25 felony. The State's Attorney may provide a written  
26 objection to the Prisoner Review Board on the sole

1 basis that the record identified does not meet the  
2 criteria established in paragraph (2) (A). Such an  
3 objection must be filed within 60 days or by such  
4 later date set by the Prisoner Review Board in the  
5 notice after the State's Attorney received notice  
6 from the Prisoner Review Board.

7 (ii) In response to a written objection from a  
8 State's Attorney, the Prisoner Review Board is  
9 authorized to conduct a non-public hearing to  
10 evaluate the information provided in the  
11 objection.

12 (iii) The Prisoner Review Board shall make a  
13 confidential and privileged recommendation to the  
14 Governor as to whether to grant a pardon  
15 authorizing expungement for each of the records  
16 identified by the Department of State Police as  
17 described in paragraph (2) (A).

18 (C) If an individual has been granted a pardon  
19 authorizing expungement as described in this Section,  
20 the Prisoner Review Board, through the Attorney  
21 General, shall file a petition for expungement with  
22 the Chief Judge of the circuit or any judge of the  
23 circuit designated by the Chief Judge where the  
24 individual had been convicted. Such petition may  
25 include more than one individual. Whenever an  
26 individual who has been convicted of an offense is

1 granted a pardon by the Governor that specifically  
2 authorizes expungement, an objection to the petition  
3 may not be filed. Petitions to expunge under this  
4 subsection (i) may include more than one individual.  
5 Within 90 days of the filing of such a petition, the  
6 court shall enter an order expunging the records of  
7 arrest from the official records of the arresting  
8 authority and order that the records of the circuit  
9 court clerk and the Department of State Police be  
10 expunged and the name of the defendant obliterated  
11 from the official index requested to be kept by the  
12 circuit court clerk under Section 16 of the Clerks of  
13 Courts Act in connection with the arrest and  
14 conviction for the offense for which the individual  
15 had received a pardon but the order shall not affect  
16 any index issued by the circuit court clerk before the  
17 entry of the order. Upon entry of the order of  
18 expungement, the circuit court clerk shall promptly  
19 provide a copy of the order and a certificate of  
20 disposition to the individual who was pardoned to the  
21 individual's last known address or by electronic means  
22 (if available) or otherwise make it available to the  
23 individual upon request.

24 (D) Nothing in this Section is intended to  
25 diminish or abrogate any rights or remedies otherwise  
26 available to the individual.

1           (3) Any individual may file a motion to vacate and  
2 expunge a conviction for a misdemeanor or Class 4 felony  
3 violation of Section 4 or Section 5 of the Cannabis  
4 Control Act. Motions to vacate and expunge under this  
5 subsection (i) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief  
6 Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit  
7 designated by the Chief Judge. The circuit court clerk  
8 shall promptly serve a copy of the motion to vacate and  
9 expunge, and any supporting documentation, on the State's  
10 Attorney or prosecutor charged with the duty of  
11 prosecuting the offense. When considering such a motion to  
12 vacate and expunge, a court shall consider the following:  
13 the reasons to retain the records provided by law  
14 enforcement, the petitioner's age, the petitioner's age at  
15 the time of offense, the time since the conviction, and  
16 the specific adverse consequences if denied. An individual  
17 may file such a petition after the completion of any  
18 non-financial sentence or non-financial condition imposed  
19 by the conviction. Within 60 days of the filing of such  
20 motion, a State's Attorney may file an objection to such a  
21 petition along with supporting evidence. If a motion to  
22 vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be  
23 expunged in accordance with subparagraphs (d)(8) and  
24 (d)(9)(A) of this Section. An agency providing civil legal  
25 aid, as defined by Section 15 of the Public Interest  
26 Attorney Assistance Act, assisting individuals seeking to

1 file a motion to vacate and expunge under this subsection  
2 may file motions to vacate and expunge with the Chief  
3 Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit  
4 designated by the Chief Judge, and the motion may include  
5 more than one individual. Motions filed by an agency  
6 providing civil legal aid concerning more than one  
7 individual may be prepared, presented, and signed  
8 electronically.

9 (4) Any State's Attorney may file a motion to vacate  
10 and expunge a conviction for a misdemeanor or Class 4  
11 felony violation of Section 4 or Section 5 of the Cannabis  
12 Control Act. Motions to vacate and expunge under this  
13 subsection (i) may be filed with the circuit court, Chief  
14 Judge of a judicial circuit or any judge of the circuit  
15 designated by the Chief Judge, and may include more than  
16 one individual. Motions filed by a State's Attorney  
17 concerning more than one individual may be prepared,  
18 presented, and signed electronically. When considering  
19 such a motion to vacate and expunge, a court shall  
20 consider the following: the reasons to retain the records  
21 provided by law enforcement, the individual's age, the  
22 individual's age at the time of offense, the time since  
23 the conviction, and the specific adverse consequences if  
24 denied. Upon entry of an order granting a motion to vacate  
25 and expunge records pursuant to this Section, the State's  
26 Attorney shall notify the Prisoner Review Board within 30



1 days. Upon entry of the order of expungement, the circuit  
2 court clerk shall promptly provide a copy of the order and  
3 a certificate of disposition to the individual whose  
4 records will be expunged to the individual's last known  
5 address or by electronic means (if available) or otherwise  
6 make available to the individual upon request. If a motion  
7 to vacate and expunge is granted, the records shall be  
8 expunged in accordance with subparagraphs (d)(8) and  
9 (d)(9)(A) of this Section.

10 (5) In the public interest, the State's Attorney of a  
11 county has standing to file motions to vacate and expunge  
12 pursuant to this Section in the circuit court with  
13 jurisdiction over the underlying conviction.

14 (6) If a person is arrested for a Minor Cannabis  
15 Offense as defined in this Section before June 25, 2019  
16 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) and the person's  
17 case is still pending but a sentence has not been imposed,  
18 the person may petition the court in which the charges are  
19 pending for an order to summarily dismiss those charges  
20 against him or her, and expunge all official records of  
21 his or her arrest, plea, trial, conviction, incarceration,  
22 supervision, or expungement. If the court determines, upon  
23 review, that: (A) the person was arrested before June 25,  
24 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-27) for an  
25 offense that has been made eligible for expungement; (B)  
26 the case is pending at the time; and (C) the person has not

1           been sentenced of the minor cannabis violation eligible  
2           for expungement under this subsection, the court shall  
3           consider the following: the reasons to retain the records  
4           provided by law enforcement, the petitioner's age, the  
5           petitioner's age at the time of offense, the time since  
6           the conviction, and the specific adverse consequences if  
7           denied. If a motion to dismiss and expunge is granted, the  
8           records shall be expunged in accordance with subparagraph  
9           (d) (9) (A) of this Section.

10           (7) A person imprisoned solely as a result of one or  
11           more convictions for Minor Cannabis Offenses under this  
12           subsection (i) shall be released from incarceration upon  
13           the issuance of an order under this subsection.

14           (8) The Department of State Police shall allow a  
15           person to use the access and review process, established  
16           in the Department of State Police, for verifying that his  
17           or her records relating to Minor Cannabis Offenses of the  
18           Cannabis Control Act eligible under this Section have been  
19           expunged.

20           (9) No conviction vacated pursuant to this Section  
21           shall serve as the basis for damages for time unjustly  
22           served as provided in the Court of Claims Act.

23           (10) Effect of Expungement. A person's right to  
24           expunge an expungeable offense shall not be limited under  
25           this Section. The effect of an order of expungement shall  
26           be to restore the person to the status he or she occupied

1 before the arrest, charge, or conviction.

2 (11) Information. The Department of State Police shall  
3 post general information on its website about the  
4 expungement process described in this subsection (i).

5 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-282, eff. 1-1-18;  
6 100-284, eff. 8-24-17; 100-287, eff. 8-24-17; 100-692, eff.  
7 8-3-18; 100-759, eff. 1-1-19; 100-776, eff. 8-10-18; 100-863,  
8 eff. 8-14-18; 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19;  
9 101-159, eff. 1-1-20; 101-306, eff. 8-9-19; 101-593, eff.  
10 12-4-19; 101-645, eff. 6-26-20; revised 8-18-20.)