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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1302

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**Citations Affected:** IC 35-38.

**Synopsis:** Expungement. Provides that expungement provisions concerning an arrest that does not lead to a conviction also apply to criminal charges or juvenile delinquency allegations that do not lead to a conviction. Specifies that a person who files for expungement of an arrest, charge, or juvenile delinquency adjudication that did not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication may file the petition in a circuit or superior court. Provides that a person who files for the expungement of an arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation that did not lead to a conviction or juvenile delinquency adjudication is not required to pay a filing fee, but that a person who  
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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.  
January 29, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
February 2, 2015, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.  
February 3, 2015, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 86, nays 8.

SENATE ACTION

February 24, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
March 12, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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files a petition for expungement of a conviction is required to pay the filing fee required in civil cases. Provides that, if a court has no discretion in granting an expungement petition, the prosecuting attorney is not required to inform the victim of the victim's rights. Removes a requirement that the petitioner submit bureau of motor vehicles records. Requires that additional identifying information must be included in a petition for expungement and order granting an expungement. Specifies the procedure for expunging pre-1977 convictions. Requires a prosecuting attorney to file objections to an expungement petition with the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. Provides that a person convicted of: (1) two or more felony offenses involving the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; (2) that were not committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct; may not have the person's convictions expunged.



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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-38-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies only to a person who  
4 has been arrested, **charged with an offense, or alleged to be a**  
5 **delinquent child**, if:  
6 (1) the arrest, **criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency**  
7 **allegation:**  
8 (A) did not result in a conviction or juvenile adjudication; or  
9 (B) resulted in a conviction or juvenile adjudication and the  
10 conviction or adjudication was vacated on appeal; and  
11 (2) the person is not currently participating in a pretrial diversion  
12 program.  
13 (b) Not earlier than one (1) year after the date of arrest, **criminal**  
14 **charge, or juvenile delinquency allegation (whichever is later)**, if  
15 the person was not convicted or adjudicated a delinquent child, or the

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1 date of the opinion vacating the conviction or adjudication becomes  
 2 final (unless the prosecuting attorney agrees in writing to an earlier  
 3 time), the person may petition the court for expungement of the records  
 4 related to the arrest, **criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency**  
 5 **allegation.**

6 (c) A petition for expungement of records must be verified and filed  
 7 ~~in the court in which the charges were filed; or if no criminal charges~~  
 8 ~~were filed; in a court with criminal jurisdiction a circuit or superior~~  
 9 **court** in the county where **the criminal charges or juvenile**  
 10 **delinquency allegation was filed, or if no criminal charges or**  
 11 **juvenile delinquency allegation was filed, in the county where the**  
 12 arrest occurred. The petition must set forth:

13 (1) the date of the arrest, **criminal charges, or juvenile**  
 14 **delinquency allegation, and conviction (if applicable);**

15 (2) the county in which the arrest occurred, **the county in which**  
 16 **the information or indictment was filed, and the county in**  
 17 **which the juvenile delinquency allegation was filed, if**  
 18 **applicable;**

19 (3) the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer,  
 20 if known;

21 **(4) the court in which the criminal charges or juvenile**  
 22 **delinquency allegation was filed, if applicable;**

23 ~~(4)~~ **(5) any other known identifying information, such as:**

24 **(A) the name of the arresting officer;**

25 **(B) case number or court cause number;**

26 **(C) any aliases or other names used by the petitioner;**

27 **(D) the petitioner's driver's license number; and**

28 **(E) a list of each criminal charge and its disposition, if**  
 29 **applicable;**

30 ~~(5)~~ **(6) the date of the petitioner's birth; and**

31 ~~(6)~~ **(7) the petitioner's Social Security number.**

32 **A person who files a petition under this section is not required to**  
 33 **pay a filing fee.**

34 (d) The court shall serve a copy of the petition on the prosecuting  
 35 attorney.

36 (e) Upon receipt of a petition for expungement, the court:

37 (1) may summarily deny the petition if the petition does not meet  
 38 the requirements of this section, or if the statements contained in  
 39 the petition indicate that the petitioner is not entitled to relief; and

40 (2) shall grant the petition unless:

41 (A) the conditions described in subsection (a) have not been  
 42 met; or



- 1 (B) criminal charges are pending against the person.
- 2 (f) Whenever the petition of a person under this section is granted:
- 3 (1) no information concerning the arrest, **criminal charges,**
- 4 **juvenile delinquency allegation, vacated conviction, or**
- 5 **vacated juvenile delinquency adjudication** may be placed or
- 6 retained in any state central repository for criminal history
- 7 information or in any other alphabetically arranged criminal
- 8 history information system maintained by a local, regional, or
- 9 statewide law enforcement agency;
- 10 (2) the clerk of the supreme court shall seal or redact any
- 11 records in the clerk's possession that relate to the arrest,
- 12 **criminal charges, juvenile delinquency allegation, vacated**
- 13 **conviction, or vacated juvenile delinquency adjudication;**
- 14 (3) the records of:
- 15 (A) the sentencing court;
- 16 (B) a juvenile court;
- 17 (C) a court of appeals; and
- 18 (D) the supreme court;
- 19 concerning the person shall be redacted or permanently
- 20 sealed; and
- 21 (4) with respect to the records of a person who is named as an
- 22 appellant or an appellee in an opinion or memorandum
- 23 decision by the supreme court or the court of appeals, the
- 24 court shall:
- 25 (A) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it
- 26 appears on the computer gateway administered by the
- 27 office of technology so that it does not include the
- 28 petitioner's name (in the same manner that opinions
- 29 involving juveniles are redacted); and
- 30 (B) provide a redacted copy of the opinion to any publisher
- 31 or organization to whom the opinion or memorandum
- 32 decision is provided after the date of the order of
- 33 expungement.
- 34 The supreme court and the court of appeals are not required
- 35 to redact, destroy, or otherwise dispose of any existing copy of
- 36 an opinion or memorandum decision that includes the
- 37 petitioner's name.
- 38 (g) If the court issues an order granting a petition for
- 39 expungement under this section, the order must include the
- 40 information described in subsection (c).
- 41 (h) ~~However,~~ This chapter does not require any change or alteration
- 42 in:



- 1 (1) any internal record made by a law enforcement agency at the  
 2 time of the arrest and not intended for release to the public; **or**  
 3 ~~(2) the record of any court in which the criminal charges were~~  
 4 ~~filed; or~~  
 5 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** records that relate to a diversion or deferral program.

6 ~~(g)~~ **(i)** If a person whose records are expunged brings an action that  
 7 might be defended with the contents of the expunged records, the  
 8 defendant is presumed to have a complete defense to the action. In  
 9 order for the plaintiff to recover, the plaintiff must show that the  
 10 contents of the expunged records would not exonerate the defendant.  
 11 The plaintiff may be required to state under oath whether the plaintiff  
 12 had records in the criminal justice system and whether those records  
 13 were expunged. If the plaintiff denies the existence of the records, the  
 14 defendant may prove their existence in any manner compatible with the  
 15 law of evidence.

16 SECTION 2. IC 35-38-9-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 17 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (b) and**  
 19 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person  
 20 convicted of a misdemeanor, including a Class D felony (for a crime  
 21 committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime  
 22 committed after June 30, 2014) reduced to a misdemeanor.

23 **(b) This section does not apply to a person convicted of two (2)**  
 24 **or more felony offenses that:**

- 25 **(1) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**  
 26 **(2) were not committed as part of the same episode of**  
 27 **criminal conduct.**

28 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** Not earlier than five (5) years after the date of conviction  
 29 (unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier  
 30 period), the person convicted of the misdemeanor may petition a court  
 31 to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- 32 (1) a court's files;  
 33 (2) the files of the department of correction;  
 34 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and  
 35 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or  
 36 services to the petitioning person under a court order;

37 that relate to the person's misdemeanor conviction.

38 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records  
 39 shall file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of  
 40 conviction.

- 41 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:  
 42 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;



- 1 (2) no charges are pending against the person;  
 2 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and  
 3 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of  
 4 the sentence; and  
 5 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the  
 6 previous five (5) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the  
 7 prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to  
 8 a shorter period under subsection ~~(b)~~; **(c)**;  
 9 the court shall order the conviction records described in subsection ~~(b)~~  
 10 **(c)** expunged in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.
- 11 SECTION 3. IC 35-38-9-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 12 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 13 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and**  
 14 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person  
 15 convicted of a Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1,  
 16 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).  
 17 This section does not apply to a person if the person's Class D felony  
 18 or Level 6 felony was reduced to a Class A misdemeanor.
- 19 (b) This section does not apply to the following:  
 20 (1) An elected official convicted of an offense while serving the  
 21 official's term or as a candidate for public office.  
 22 (2) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).  
 23 (3) A person convicted of a felony that resulted in bodily injury to  
 24 another person.  
 25 (4) A person convicted of perjury (IC 35-44.1-2-1) or official  
 26 misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).  
 27 (5) A person convicted of an offense described in:  
 28 (A) IC 35-42-1;  
 29 (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or  
 30 (C) IC 35-42-4.  
 31 **(6) A person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**  
 32 **(A) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**  
 33 **(B) were not committed as part of the same episode of**  
 34 **criminal conduct.**
- 35 (c) Not earlier than eight (8) years after the date of conviction  
 36 (unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier  
 37 period), the person convicted of the Class D felony or Level 6 felony  
 38 may petition a court to expunge all conviction records, including  
 39 records contained in:  
 40 (1) a court's files;  
 41 (2) the files of the department of correction;  
 42 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and



1 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or  
 2 services to the petitioning person under a court order;  
 3 that relate to the person's Class D or Level 6 felony conviction.

4 (d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall  
 5 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of  
 6 conviction.

7 (e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

8 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;

9 (2) no charges are pending against the person;

10 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and  
 11 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of  
 12 the sentence; and

13 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the  
 14 previous eight (8) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by  
 15 the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented  
 16 to a shorter period under subsection (c));

17 the court shall order the conviction records described in subsection (c)  
 18 expunged in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

19 SECTION 4. IC 35-38-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 20 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 21 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and**  
 22 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person  
 23 convicted of a felony who may not seek expungement of that felony  
 24 under section 3 of this chapter.

25 (b) This section does not apply to the following:

26 (1) An elected official convicted of an offense while serving the  
 27 official's term or as a candidate for public office.

28 (2) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).

29 (3) A person convicted of a felony that resulted in serious bodily  
 30 injury to another person.

31 (4) A person convicted of official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).

32 (5) A person convicted of an offense described in:

33 (A) IC 35-42-1;

34 (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or

35 (C) IC 35-42-4.

36 **(6) A person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**

37 **(A) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**

38 **(B) were not committed as part of the same episode of**  
 39 **criminal conduct.**

40 (c) Not earlier than the later of eight (8) years from the date of  
 41 conviction, or three (3) years from the completion of the person's  
 42 sentence, unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an





1 earlier period, the person convicted of the felony may petition a court  
2 to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- 3 (1) a court's files;
- 4 (2) the files of the department of correction;
- 5 (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- 6 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or  
7 services to the petitioning person under a court order;

8 that relate to the person's felony conviction.

9 (d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall  
10 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of  
11 conviction.

12 (e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- 13 (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;
- 14 (2) no charges are pending against the person;
- 15 (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and  
16 satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of  
17 the sentence; and
- 18 (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the  
19 previous eight (8) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by  
20 the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented  
21 to a shorter period under subsection (c));

22 the court may order the conviction records described in subsection (c)  
23 marked as expunged in accordance with section 7 of this chapter. A  
24 person whose records have been ordered marked as expunged under  
25 this section is considered to have had the person's records expunged for  
26 all purposes other than the disposition of the records.

27 SECTION 5. IC 35-38-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
28 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
29 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and**  
30 **section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies to a person convicted  
31 of a felony, including:

- 32 (1) an elected official convicted of an offense while serving the  
33 official's term or as a candidate for public office; and
- 34 (2) a person convicted of a felony that resulted in serious bodily  
35 injury to another person.

36 (b) This section does not apply to the following:

- 37 (1) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).
- 38 (2) A person convicted of official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).
- 39 (3) A person convicted of an offense described in:
  - 40 (A) IC 35-42-1;
  - 41 (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or
  - 42 (C) IC 35-42-4.



- 1           **(4) A person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**  
 2           **(A) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**  
 3           **(B) were not committed as part of the same episode of**  
 4           **criminal conduct.**

5           (c) Not earlier than the later of ten (10) years from the date of  
 6 conviction, or five (5) years from the completion of the person's  
 7 sentence, unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an  
 8 earlier period, the person convicted of the felony may petition a court  
 9 to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- 10           (1) a court's files;  
 11           (2) the files of the department of correction;  
 12           (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and  
 13           (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or  
 14           services to the petitioning person under a court order;

15 that relate to the person's felony conviction.

16           (d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall  
 17 file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of  
 18 conviction.

19           (e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- 20           (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;  
 21           (2) no charges are pending against the person;  
 22           (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and  
 23           satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of  
 24           the sentence;  
 25           (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the  
 26           previous ten (10) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the  
 27           prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to  
 28           a shorter period under subsection (c)); and  
 29           (5) the prosecuting attorney has consented in writing to the  
 30           expungement of the person's criminal records;

31 the court may order the conviction records described in subsection (c)  
 32 marked as expunged in accordance with section 7 of this chapter. A  
 33 person whose records have been ordered marked as expunged under  
 34 this section is considered to have had the person's records expunged for  
 35 all purposes other than the disposition of the records.

36           SECTION 6. IC 35-38-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 37 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 38 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) If the court orders conviction records  
 39 expunged under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court shall do  
 40 the following with respect to the specific records expunged by the  
 41 court:

- 42           (1) Order:

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- 1 (A) the department of correction;  
 2 (B) the bureau of motor vehicles; and  
 3 (C) each:  
 4 (i) law enforcement agency; and  
 5 (ii) other person;  
 6 who incarcerated, provided treatment for, or provided other  
 7 services for the person under an order of the court;  
 8 to prohibit the release of the person's records or information in the  
 9 person's records to anyone without a court order, other than a law  
 10 enforcement officer acting in the course of the officer's official  
 11 duty.  
 12 (2) Order the central repository for criminal history information  
 13 maintained by the state police department to seal the person's  
 14 expunged conviction records. Records sealed under this  
 15 subdivision may be disclosed only to:  
 16 (A) a prosecuting attorney, if:  
 17 (i) authorized by a court order; and  
 18 (ii) needed to carry out the official duties of the prosecuting  
 19 attorney;  
 20 (B) a defense attorney, if:  
 21 (i) authorized by a court order; and  
 22 (ii) needed to carry out the professional duties of the defense  
 23 attorney;  
 24 (C) a probation department, if:  
 25 (i) authorized by a court order; and  
 26 (ii) necessary to prepare a presentence report;  
 27 (D) the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of  
 28 Homeland Security, if disclosure is required to comply with an  
 29 agreement relating to the sharing of criminal history  
 30 information;  
 31 (E) the:  
 32 (i) supreme court;  
 33 (ii) members of the state board of law examiners;  
 34 (iii) executive director of the state board of law examiners;  
 35 and  
 36 (iv) employees of the state board of law examiners, in  
 37 accordance with rules adopted by the state board of law  
 38 examiners;  
 39 for the purpose of determining whether an applicant possesses  
 40 the necessary good moral character for admission to the bar;  
 41 and  
 42 (F) a person required to access expunged records to comply



- 1 with the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing  
 2 Act (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or regulations adopted under the  
 3 Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.  
 4 (3) Notify the clerk of the supreme court to seal any records in the  
 5 clerk's possession that relate to the conviction.  
 6 A probation department may provide an unredacted version of a  
 7 presentence report disclosed under subdivision (2)(C) to any person  
 8 authorized by law to receive a presentence report.  
 9 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), if a petition to expunge  
 10 conviction records is granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter,  
 11 the records of:  
 12 (1) the sentencing court;  
 13 (2) a juvenile court;  
 14 (3) a court of appeals; and  
 15 (4) the supreme court;  
 16 concerning the person shall be permanently sealed. However, a petition  
 17 for expungement granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter  
 18 does not affect an existing or pending driver's license suspension.  
 19 (c) If a petition to expunge conviction records is granted under  
 20 sections 2 through 3 of this chapter with respect to the records of a  
 21 person who is named as an appellant or an appellee in an opinion or  
 22 memorandum decision by the supreme court or the court of appeals, the  
 23 court shall:  
 24 (1) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it appears on  
 25 the computer gateway administered by the office of technology so  
 26 that it does not include the petitioner's name (in the same manner  
 27 that opinions involving juveniles are redacted); and  
 28 (2) provide a redacted copy of the opinion to any publisher or  
 29 organization to whom the opinion or memorandum decision is  
 30 provided after the date of the order of expungement.  
 31 The supreme court and court of appeals are not required to destroy or  
 32 otherwise dispose of any existing copy of an opinion or memorandum  
 33 decision that includes the petitioner's name.  
 34 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a prosecuting attorney may  
 35 submit a written application to a court that granted an expungement  
 36 petition under this chapter to gain access to any records that were  
 37 permanently sealed under subsection (b), if the records are relevant in  
 38 a new prosecution of the person. If a prosecuting attorney who submits  
 39 a written application under this subsection shows that the records are  
 40 relevant for a new prosecution of the person, the court that granted the  
 41 expungement petition shall:  
 42 (1) order the records to be unsealed; and



- 1 (2) allow the prosecuting attorney who submitted the written  
 2 application to have access to the records.  
 3 If a court orders records to be unsealed under this subsection, the court  
 4 shall order the records to be permanently resealed at the earliest  
 5 possible time after the reasons for unsealing the records cease to exist.  
 6 However, if the records are admitted as evidence against the person in  
 7 a new prosecution that results in the person's conviction, or are used to  
 8 enhance a sentence imposed on the person in a new prosecution, the  
 9 court is not required to reseat the records.
- 10 (e) If a person whose conviction records are expunged under  
 11 sections 2 through 5 of this chapter is required to register as a sex  
 12 offender based on the commission of a felony which has been  
 13 expunged:
- 14 (1) the expungement does not affect the operation of the sex  
 15 offender registry web site, any person's ability to access the  
 16 person's records, records required to be maintained concerning  
 17 sex or violent offenders, or any registration requirement imposed  
 18 on the person; and  
 19 (2) the expunged conviction must be clearly marked as expunged  
 20 on the sex offender registry web site.
- 21 (f) Expungement of a crime of domestic violence under section 2 of  
 22 this chapter does not restore a person's right to possess a firearm. The  
 23 right of a person convicted of a crime of domestic violence to possess  
 24 a firearm may be restored only in accordance with IC 35-47-4-7.
- 25 **(g) If the court issues an order granting a petition for**  
 26 **expungement under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court**  
 27 **shall include in its order the information described in section 8(b)**  
 28 **of this chapter.**
- 29 SECTION 7. IC 35-38-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 30 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) This section applies only to a person who  
 32 has filed a petition for expungement under section 4 or 5 of this chapter  
 33 and whose records have been ordered marked as expunged.
- 34 (b) The court records and other public records relating to the arrest,  
 35 conviction, or sentence of a person whose conviction records have been  
 36 marked as expunged remain public records. However, the court shall  
 37 order that the records be clearly and visibly marked or identified as  
 38 being expunged. A petition for expungement granted under sections 4  
 39 through 5 of this chapter does not affect an existing or pending driver's  
 40 license suspension.
- 41 (c) The state police department, the bureau of motor vehicles, and  
 42 any other law enforcement agency in possession of records that relate



1 to the conviction ordered to be marked as expunged shall add an entry  
 2 to the person's record of arrest, conviction, or sentence in the criminal  
 3 history data base stating that the record is marked as expunged.

4 **(d) If the court issues an order granting a petition for**  
 5 **expungement under section 4 or 5 of this chapter, the court shall**  
 6 **include in its order the information described in section 8(b) of this**  
 7 **chapter.**

8 SECTION 8. IC 35-38-9-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 9 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. (a) This section applies only to a petition to  
 11 expunge conviction records under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter.  
 12 This section does not apply to a petition to expunge ~~arrest~~ records  
 13 **related to the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency**  
 14 **allegation** under section 1 of this chapter.

15 (b) Any person may seek an expungement under sections 2 through  
 16 5 of this chapter by filing a verified petition for expungement. The  
 17 petition must include the following:

18 (1) The petitioner's full name and all other legal names or aliases  
 19 by which the petitioner is or has been known.

20 (2) The petitioner's date of birth.

21 (3) The petitioner's addresses from the date of the offense to the  
 22 date of the petition.

23 **(4) The case number or court cause number, if available.**

24 ~~(4) A certified copy of petitioner's records from the bureau of~~  
 25 ~~motor vehicles.~~

26 (5) The petitioner shall affirm that no criminal investigation or  
 27 charges are pending against the petitioner.

28 (6) The petitioner shall affirm that the petitioner has not  
 29 committed another crime within the period required for  
 30 expungement.

31 (7) The petitioner shall list all convictions, **the cause number of**  
 32 **each conviction, if known, and** the date of the conviction, and  
 33 any appeals from the conviction and the date any appellate  
 34 opinion was handed down, if applicable.

35 **(8) The petitioner shall include:**

36 **(A) the petitioner's Social Security number;**

37 **(B) the petitioner's driver's license number;**

38 **(C) the date of the petitioner's arrest, if applicable; and**

39 **(D) the date on which the petitioner was convicted.**

40 ~~(8)~~ **(9)** The petitioner shall affirm that the required period has  
 41 elapsed or attach a copy of the prosecuting attorney's written  
 42 consent to a shorter period.



- 1           ~~(9)~~ **(10)** The petitioner shall describe any other petitions that the  
 2           petitioner has filed under this chapter.  
 3           ~~(10)~~ **(11)** For a petition filed under section 5 of this chapter, the  
 4           petitioner shall attach a copy of the prosecuting attorney's written  
 5           consent.  
 6           ~~(11)~~ The petitioner shall provide evidence that the petitioner has  
 7           paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and satisfied any restitution  
 8           obligation imposed on the person as part of the sentence.  
 9           (c) The petitioner may include any other information that the  
 10          petitioner believes may assist the court.  
 11          **(d) A person who files a petition under this section is required**  
 12          **to pay the filing fee required in civil cases. The court may reduce**  
 13          **or waive this fee if the person is indigent.**  
 14          ~~(12)~~ **(e)** The petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition upon the  
 15          prosecuting attorney in accordance with the Indiana Rules of Trial  
 16          Procedure.  
 17          ~~(13)~~ **(f)** The prosecuting attorney shall inform the victim of the  
 18          victim's rights under IC 35-40-6 by contacting the victim at the victim's  
 19          last known address. **However, if a court has no discretion in**  
 20          **granting an expungement petition under this chapter, the**  
 21          **prosecuting attorney is not required to inform the victim of the**  
 22          **victim's rights under this subsection.**  
 23          ~~(14)~~ **(g)** The prosecuting attorney shall reply to the petition not later  
 24          than thirty (30) days after receipt. **If the prosecuting attorney fails to**  
 25          **timely reply to the petition:**  
 26                  **(1) the prosecuting attorney has waived any objection to the**  
 27                  **petition; and**  
 28                  **(2) the court shall proceed to consider the petition under**  
 29                  **section 9 of this chapter.**  
 30          SECTION 9. IC 35-38-9-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 31          AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 32          1, 2015]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) This section applies only to a person seeking**  
 33          **to expunge an Indiana offense punishable by an indeterminate**  
 34          **sentence under a law other than IC 35-50.**  
 35                  **(b) If the offense for which the person was convicted is a**  
 36                  **misdemeanor at the time the person files the petition for**  
 37                  **expungement, the person may file the petition for expungement**  
 38                  **under section 2 of this chapter.**  
 39                  **(c) If the offense for which the person was convicted:**  
 40                          **(1) is a Level 6 felony at the time the person files the petition**  
 41                          **for expungement; and**  
 42                          **(2) is not substantially similar to an offense described in**



- 1            **section 3(b) of this chapter;**  
 2 **the person may file the petition under section 3 of this chapter.**  
 3            **(d) If:**  
 4            **(1) the person to whom this chapter applies may not seek**  
 5            **expungement under section 3 of this chapter; and**  
 6            **(2) the offense the person seeks to expunge is not substantially**  
 7            **similar to an offense described in section 4(b) of this chapter;**  
 8 **the person may file the petition under section 4 of this chapter.**  
 9            **(e) If the offense for which the person was convicted:**  
 10            **(1) is a felony at the time of filing the petition, including a**  
 11            **felony described in section 5(a) of this chapter; and**  
 12            **(2) is not substantially similar to an offense described in**  
 13            **section 5(b) of this chapter;**  
 14 **the person may file the petition under section 5 of this chapter.**  
 15            SECTION 10. IC 35-38-9-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
 16 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 9. (a) If the prosecuting attorney does not object,  
 18 **or has waived objection to the petition under section 8 of this**  
 19 **chapter**, the court may grant the petition for expungement without a  
 20 hearing.  
 21            (b) The court may summarily deny a petition, if the petition does not  
 22 meet the requirements of section 8 of this chapter, or if the statements  
 23 contained in the petition demonstrate that the petitioner is not entitled  
 24 to relief.  
 25            (c) If the prosecuting attorney objects to the petition, **the**  
 26 **prosecuting attorney shall file the reasons for objecting to the**  
 27 **petition with the court and serve a copy of the objections on the**  
 28 **petitioner at the time the prosecuting attorney objects to the**  
 29 **petition.** The court shall set the matter for hearing not sooner than sixty  
 30 (60) days after service of the petition on the prosecuting attorney.  
 31            (d) A victim of the offense for which expungement is sought may  
 32 submit an oral or written statement in support of or in opposition to the  
 33 petition at the time of the hearing. The petitioner must prove by a  
 34 preponderance of the evidence that the facts alleged in the verified  
 35 petition are true.  
 36            (e) The grant or denial of a petition is an appealable final order.  
 37            (f) If the court grants the petition for expungement, the court shall  
 38 issue an order of expungement as described in sections 6 and 7 of this  
 39 chapter.  
 40            **(g) The order granting the petition for expungement described**  
 41 **in sections 6 and 7 of this chapter must include the information**  
 42 **described in section 8(b) of this chapter.**





1        ~~(g)~~ **(h)** This subsection applies only to a petition to expunge  
 2 conviction records filed under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter. This  
 3 subsection does not apply to a petition to expunge ~~arrest~~ records  
 4 **related to the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency**  
 5 **allegation** under section 1 of this chapter. A petitioner may seek to  
 6 expunge more than one (1) conviction at the same time. The petitioner  
 7 shall consolidate all convictions that the petitioner wishes to expunge  
 8 from the same county in one (1) petition. A petitioner who wishes to  
 9 expunge convictions from separate counties must file a petition in each  
 10 county in which a conviction was entered.

11        ~~(h)~~ **(i)** This subsection applies only to a petition to expunge  
 12 conviction records filed under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter. This  
 13 subsection does not apply to a petition to expunge ~~arrest~~ records  
 14 **related to the arrest, criminal charge, or juvenile delinquency**  
 15 **allegation** under section 1 of this chapter. Except as provided in  
 16 subsections ~~(i)~~ **(j)** and ~~(j)~~; **(k)**, a petitioner may file a petition for  
 17 expungement only one (1) time during the petitioner's lifetime. For  
 18 purposes of this subsection, all petitions for expungement filed in  
 19 separate counties for offenses committed in those counties count as one  
 20 (1) petition if they are filed in one (1) three hundred sixty-five (365)  
 21 day period.

22        ~~(i)~~ **(j)** A petitioner whose petition for expungement has been denied,  
 23 in whole or in part, may ~~file a subsequent refile that~~ petition for  
 24 expungement, **in whole or in part**, with respect to one (1) or more  
 25 convictions included in the initial expungement petition that were not  
 26 expunged. However, if the petition was denied due to the court's  
 27 exercise of its discretion under section 4 or 5 of this chapter, a  
 28 ~~subsequent~~ petition for expungement may be ~~filed~~ **refiled** only after the  
 29 elapse of three (3) years from the date on which the previous  
 30 expungement petition was denied. Except as provided in subsection ~~(j)~~;  
 31 **(k)**, a ~~subsequent refiled~~ petition for expungement may not include any  
 32 conviction that was not included in the initial expungement petition.

33        ~~(j)~~ **(k)** A court may permit a petitioner to file a ~~subsequent an~~  
 34 **amended** petition for expungement with respect to one (1) or more  
 35 convictions that were not included in the initial expungement petition  
 36 only if the court finds that:

- 37        (1) the petitioner intended in good faith to comply with  
 38 subsections ~~(g)~~ **(h)** and ~~(h)~~; **(i)**;  
 39        (2) the petitioner's failure to comply with subsections ~~(g)~~ **(h)** and  
 40 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** was due to:  
 41            (A) excusable neglect; or  
 42            (B) circumstances beyond the petitioner's control; and



1 (3) permitting the petitioner to file a subsequent petition for  
2 expungement is in the best interests of justice.

3 SECTION 11. IC 35-38-9-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014,  
4 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) This section does not apply to a person to  
6 whom sealed records may be disclosed under section 6(a)(2) of this  
7 chapter.

8 (b) It is unlawful discrimination for any person to:

- 9 (1) suspend;  
10 (2) expel;  
11 (3) refuse to employ;  
12 (4) refuse to admit;  
13 (5) refuse to grant or renew a license, permit, or certificate  
14 necessary to engage in any activity, occupation, or profession; or  
15 (6) otherwise discriminate against;

16 any person because of a conviction or arrest record expunged or sealed  
17 under this chapter.

18 (c) **Except as provided in section 6(f) of this chapter**, the civil  
19 rights of a person whose conviction has been expunged shall be **fully**  
20 restored, including the right to vote, to hold public office, **to be a**  
21 **proper person under IC 35-47-1-7(2)**, and to serve as a juror.

22 (d) In any application for employment, a license, or other right or  
23 privilege, a person may be questioned about a previous criminal record  
24 only in terms that exclude expunged convictions or arrests, such as:  
25 "Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a crime that has not  
26 been expunged by a court?"

27 (e) A person whose record is expunged shall be treated as if the  
28 person had never been convicted of the offense. However, upon a  
29 subsequent arrest or conviction for an unrelated offense, the prior  
30 expunged conviction:

- 31 (1) may be considered by the court in determining the sentence  
32 imposed for the new offense;  
33 (2) is a prior unrelated conviction for purposes of:  
34 (A) a habitual offender enhancement; and  
35 (B) enhancing the new offense based on a prior conviction;  
36 and  
37 (3) may be admitted as evidence in the proceeding for a new  
38 offense as if the conviction had not been expunged.

39 (f) Any person that discriminates against a person as described in  
40 subsection (b) commits a Class C infraction and may be held in  
41 contempt by the court issuing the order of expungement or by any other  
42 court of general jurisdiction. Any person may file a written motion of



1 contempt to bring an alleged violation of this section to the attention of  
2 a court. In addition, the person is entitled to injunctive relief.

3 (g) In any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging negligence  
4 or other fault, an order of expungement may be introduced as evidence  
5 of the person's exercise of due care in hiring, retaining, licensing,  
6 certifying, admitting to a school or program, or otherwise transacting  
7 business or engaging in activity with the person to whom the order of  
8 expungement was issued.

9 (h) A conviction that has been expunged under this chapter is not  
10 admissible as evidence in an action for negligent hiring, admission, or  
11 licensure against a person or entity who relied on the order.

12 (i) **An expungement case, and all documents filed in the case,**  
13 **becomes confidential when the court issues the order granting the**  
14 **petition. However, until the court issues the order granting the**  
15 **petition, documents filed in the case are not confidential, and any**  
16 **hearing held in the case shall be open. A petition for expungement**  
17 **and an order for expungement are confidential.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Courts and Criminal Code, to which was referred House Bill 1302, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 5, line 11, after "address." insert "**However, if a court has no discretion in granting an expungement petition under this chapter, the prosecuting attorney is not required to inform the victim of the victim's rights under this subsection.**".

Page 6, after line 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 35-38-9-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) This section does not apply to a person to whom sealed records may be disclosed under section 6(a)(2) of this chapter.

(b) It is unlawful discrimination for any person to:

- (1) suspend;
- (2) expel;
- (3) refuse to employ;
- (4) refuse to admit;
- (5) refuse to grant or renew a license, permit, or certificate necessary to engage in any activity, occupation, or profession; or
- (6) otherwise discriminate against;

any person because of a conviction or arrest record expunged or sealed under this chapter.

(c) The civil rights of a person whose conviction has been expunged shall be restored, including the right to vote, to hold public office, and to serve as a juror.

(d) In any application for employment, a license, or other right or privilege, a person may be questioned about a previous criminal record only in terms that exclude expunged convictions or arrests, such as: "Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a crime that has not been expunged by a court?"

(e) A person whose record is expunged shall be treated as if the person had never been convicted of the offense. However, upon a subsequent arrest or conviction for an unrelated offense, the prior expunged conviction:

- (1) may be considered by the court in determining the sentence imposed for the new offense;
- (2) is a prior unrelated conviction for purposes of:
  - (A) a habitual offender enhancement; and



(B) enhancing the new offense based on a prior conviction;  
and

(3) may be admitted as evidence in the proceeding for a new offense as if the conviction had not been expunged.

(f) Any person that discriminates against a person as described in subsection (b) commits a Class C infraction and may be held in contempt by the court issuing the order of expungement or by any other court of general jurisdiction. Any person may file a written motion of contempt to bring an alleged violation of this section to the attention of a court. In addition, the person is entitled to injunctive relief.

(g) In any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging negligence or other fault, an order of expungement may be introduced as evidence of the person's exercise of due care in hiring, retaining, licensing, certifying, admitting to a school or program, or otherwise transacting business or engaging in activity with the person to whom the order of expungement was issued.

(h) A conviction that has been expunged under this chapter is not admissible as evidence in an action for negligent hiring, admission, or licensure against a person or entity who relied on the order.

(i) ~~A petition for expungement and an order for expungement are confidential.~~

SECTION 5. IC 35-38-9-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 12. A hearing on a petition for expungement shall be held in open court. If:**

**(1) a petition for expungement is granted; and**

**(2) an order for expungement is issued;**

**by the court, the petition and the order for expungement become confidential."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1302 as introduced.)

WASHBURNE

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.



## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1302 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 23 through 24, begin a new line block indented and insert:

~~"(4)~~ **(5)** any other known identifying information, such as:  
**(A)** the name of the arresting officer;  
**(B)** case number or court cause number;  
**(C) any aliases or other names used by the petitioner;**  
**(D) the petitioner's driver's license number; and**  
**(E) a list of each criminal charge and its disposition, if applicable;"**.

Page 3, between lines 32 and 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(g) If the court issues an order granting a petition for expungement under this section, the order must include the information described in subsection (c)."**

Page 3, line 33, delete "(g)" and insert "**(h)**".

Page 3, line 40, delete "(h)" and insert "**(i)**".

Page 4, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(4) The case number or court cause number."**

Page 4, line 23, strike "(4)" and insert "**(5)**".

Page 4, line 25, strike "(5)" and insert "**(6)**".

Page 4, line 27, strike "(6)" and insert "**(7)**".

Page 4, line 30, strike "(7)" and insert "**(8)**".

Page 4, line 33, strike "(8)" and insert "**(9)**".

Page 4, line 36, strike "(9)" and insert "**(10)**".

Page 4, line 38, strike "(10)" and insert "**(11)**".

Page 5, between lines 36 and 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(g) The order granting the petition for expungement described in sections 6 and 7 of this chapter must include the information described in section 8(b) of this chapter."**

Page 5, line 37, strike "(g)" and insert "**(h)**".

Page 6, line 5, strike "(h)" and insert "**(i)**".

Page 6, line 9, strike "(i)" and insert "**(j)**".

Page 6, line 9, strike "(j)," and insert "**(k),"**".

Page 6, line 15, strike "(i)" and insert "**(j)**".

Page 6, line 23, strike "(j)," and insert "**(k),"**".

Page 6, line 26, strike "(j)" and insert "**(k)**".

Page 6, line 31, strike "(g)" and insert "**(h)**".

Page 6, line 31, strike "(h);" and insert "**(i);"**".



Page 6, line 32, strike "(g)" and insert "**(h)**".

Page 6, line 32, strike "(h)" and insert "**(i)**".

(Reference is to HB 1302 as printed January 30, 2015.)

MCMILLIN

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill No. 1302, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 14, delete "latest," and insert "**later**,".

Page 4, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 35-38-9-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (b) and section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person convicted of a misdemeanor, including a Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014) reduced to a misdemeanor.

**(b) This section does not apply to a person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**

- (1) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**
- (2) were not committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct.**

~~(b)~~ **(c)** Not earlier than five (5) years after the date of conviction (unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier period), the person convicted of the misdemeanor may petition a court to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- (1) a court's files;
- (2) the files of the department of correction;
- (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or services to the petitioning person under a court order;

that relate to the person's misdemeanor conviction.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of conviction.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:



- (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;
- (2) no charges are pending against the person;
- (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of the sentence; and
- (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the previous five (5) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to a shorter period under subsection ~~(b)~~; **(c)**);

the court shall order the conviction records described in subsection ~~(b)~~ **(c)** expunged in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 35-38-9-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person convicted of a Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014). This section does not apply to a person if the person's Class D felony or Level 6 felony was reduced to a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) This section does not apply to the following:

- (1) An elected official convicted of an offense while serving the official's term or as a candidate for public office.
- (2) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).
- (3) A person convicted of a felony that resulted in bodily injury to another person.
- (4) A person convicted of perjury (IC 35-44.1-2-1) or official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).
- (5) A person convicted of an offense described in:
  - (A) IC 35-42-1;
  - (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or
  - (C) IC 35-42-4.

**(6) A person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**  
**(A) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**  
**(B) were not committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct.**

(c) Not earlier than eight (8) years after the date of conviction (unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier period), the person convicted of the Class D felony or Level 6 felony may petition a court to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- (1) a court's files;
- (2) the files of the department of correction;





(3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and  
 (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or services to the petitioning person under a court order;  
 that relate to the person's Class D or Level 6 felony conviction.

(d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of conviction.

(e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;
- (2) no charges are pending against the person;
- (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of the sentence; and
- (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the previous eight (8) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to a shorter period under subsection (c));

the court shall order the conviction records described in subsection (c) expunged in accordance with section 6 of this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 35-38-9-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies only to a person convicted of a felony who may not seek expungement of that felony under section 3 of this chapter.

(b) This section does not apply to the following:

- (1) An elected official convicted of an offense while serving the official's term or as a candidate for public office.
- (2) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).
- (3) A person convicted of a felony that resulted in serious bodily injury to another person.
- (4) A person convicted of official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).
- (5) A person convicted of an offense described in:
  - (A) IC 35-42-1;
  - (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or
  - (C) IC 35-42-4.

**(6) A person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**  
**(A) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**  
**(B) were not committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct.**

(c) Not earlier than the later of eight (8) years from the date of conviction, or three (3) years from the completion of the person's



sentence, unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier period, the person convicted of the felony may petition a court to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- (1) a court's files;
- (2) the files of the department of correction;
- (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or services to the petitioning person under a court order;

that relate to the person's felony conviction.

(d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of conviction.

(e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;
- (2) no charges are pending against the person;
- (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of the sentence; and
- (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the previous eight (8) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to a shorter period under subsection (c));

the court may order the conviction records described in subsection (c) marked as expunged in accordance with section 7 of this chapter. A person whose records have been ordered marked as expunged under this section is considered to have had the person's records expunged for all purposes other than the disposition of the records.

SECTION 5. IC 35-38-9-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **and section 8.5 of this chapter**, this section applies to a person convicted of a felony, including:

- (1) an elected official convicted of an offense while serving the official's term or as a candidate for public office; and
- (2) a person convicted of a felony that resulted in serious bodily injury to another person.

(b) This section does not apply to the following:

- (1) A sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5).
- (2) A person convicted of official misconduct (IC 35-44.1-1-1).
- (3) A person convicted of an offense described in:
  - (A) IC 35-42-1;
  - (B) IC 35-42-3.5; or



(C) IC 35-42-4.

- (4) A person convicted of two (2) or more felony offenses that:**  
**(A) involved the unlawful use of a deadly weapon; and**  
**(B) were not committed as part of the same episode of criminal conduct.**

(c) Not earlier than the later of ten (10) years from the date of conviction, or five (5) years from the completion of the person's sentence, unless the prosecuting attorney consents in writing to an earlier period, the person convicted of the felony may petition a court to expunge all conviction records, including records contained in:

- (1) a court's files;
- (2) the files of the department of correction;
- (3) the files of the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- (4) the files of any other person who provided treatment or services to the petitioning person under a court order;

that relate to the person's felony conviction.

(d) A person who files a petition to expunge conviction records shall file the petition in a circuit or superior court in the county of conviction.

(e) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:

- (1) the period required by this section has elapsed;
- (2) no charges are pending against the person;
- (3) the person has paid all fines, fees, and court costs, and satisfied any restitution obligation placed on the person as part of the sentence;
- (4) the person has not been convicted of a crime within the previous ten (10) years (or within a shorter period agreed to by the prosecuting attorney if the prosecuting attorney has consented to a shorter period under subsection (c)); and
- (5) the prosecuting attorney has consented in writing to the expungement of the person's criminal records;

the court may order the conviction records described in subsection (c) marked as expunged in accordance with section 7 of this chapter. A person whose records have been ordered marked as expunged under this section is considered to have had the person's records expunged for all purposes other than the disposition of the records.

SECTION 6. IC 35-38-9-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. (a) If the court orders conviction records expunged under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court shall do the following with respect to the specific records expunged by the court:

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## (1) Order:

- (A) the department of correction;
- (B) the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- (C) each:
  - (i) law enforcement agency; and
  - (ii) other person;

who incarcerated, provided treatment for, or provided other services for the person under an order of the court; to prohibit the release of the person's records or information in the person's records to anyone without a court order, other than a law enforcement officer acting in the course of the officer's official duty.

(2) Order the central repository for criminal history information maintained by the state police department to seal the person's expunged conviction records. Records sealed under this subdivision may be disclosed only to:

- (A) a prosecuting attorney, if:
  - (i) authorized by a court order; and
  - (ii) needed to carry out the official duties of the prosecuting attorney;
- (B) a defense attorney, if:
  - (i) authorized by a court order; and
  - (ii) needed to carry out the professional duties of the defense attorney;
- (C) a probation department, if:
  - (i) authorized by a court order; and
  - (ii) necessary to prepare a presentence report;
- (D) the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security, if disclosure is required to comply with an agreement relating to the sharing of criminal history information;
- (E) the:
  - (i) supreme court;
  - (ii) members of the state board of law examiners;
  - (iii) executive director of the state board of law examiners; and
  - (iv) employees of the state board of law examiners, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of law examiners;

for the purpose of determining whether an applicant possesses the necessary good moral character for admission to the bar; and



(F) a person required to access expunged records to comply with the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or regulations adopted under the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.

(3) Notify the clerk of the supreme court to seal any records in the clerk's possession that relate to the conviction.

A probation department may provide an unredacted version of a presentence report disclosed under subdivision (2)(C) to any person authorized by law to receive a presentence report.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), if a petition to expunge conviction records is granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the records of:

- (1) the sentencing court;
- (2) a juvenile court;
- (3) a court of appeals; and
- (4) the supreme court;

concerning the person shall be permanently sealed. However, a petition for expungement granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter does not affect an existing or pending driver's license suspension.

(c) If a petition to expunge conviction records is granted under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter with respect to the records of a person who is named as an appellant or an appellee in an opinion or memorandum decision by the supreme court or the court of appeals, the court shall:

- (1) redact the opinion or memorandum decision as it appears on the computer gateway administered by the office of technology so that it does not include the petitioner's name (in the same manner that opinions involving juveniles are redacted); and
- (2) provide a redacted copy of the opinion to any publisher or organization to whom the opinion or memorandum decision is provided after the date of the order of expungement.

The supreme court and court of appeals are not required to destroy or otherwise dispose of any existing copy of an opinion or memorandum decision that includes the petitioner's name.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a prosecuting attorney may submit a written application to a court that granted an expungement petition under this chapter to gain access to any records that were permanently sealed under subsection (b), if the records are relevant in a new prosecution of the person. If a prosecuting attorney who submits a written application under this subsection shows that the records are relevant for a new prosecution of the person, the court that granted the expungement petition shall:



- (1) order the records to be unsealed; and
- (2) allow the prosecuting attorney who submitted the written application to have access to the records.

If a court orders records to be unsealed under this subsection, the court shall order the records to be permanently resealed at the earliest possible time after the reasons for unsealing the records cease to exist. However, if the records are admitted as evidence against the person in a new prosecution that results in the person's conviction, or are used to enhance a sentence imposed on the person in a new prosecution, the court is not required to reseat the records.

(e) If a person whose conviction records are expunged under sections 2 through 5 of this chapter is required to register as a sex offender based on the commission of a felony which has been expunged:

- (1) the expungement does not affect the operation of the sex offender registry web site, any person's ability to access the person's records, records required to be maintained concerning sex or violent offenders, or any registration requirement imposed on the person; and
- (2) the expunged conviction must be clearly marked as expunged on the sex offender registry web site.

(f) Expungement of a crime of domestic violence under section 2 of this chapter does not restore a person's right to possess a firearm. The right of a person convicted of a crime of domestic violence to possess a firearm may be restored only in accordance with IC 35-47-4-7.

**(g) If the court issues an order granting a petition for expungement under sections 2 through 3 of this chapter, the court shall include in its order the information described in section 8(b) of this chapter.**

SECTION 7. IC 35-38-9-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-2014, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) This section applies only to a person who has filed a petition for expungement under section 4 or 5 of this chapter and whose records have been ordered marked as expunged.

(b) The court records and other public records relating to the arrest, conviction, or sentence of a person whose conviction records have been marked as expunged remain public records. However, the court shall order that the records be clearly and visibly marked or identified as being expunged. A petition for expungement granted under sections 4 through 5 of this chapter does not affect an existing or pending driver's license suspension.

(c) The state police department, the bureau of motor vehicles, and



any other law enforcement agency in possession of records that relate to the conviction ordered to be marked as expunged shall add an entry to the person's record of arrest, conviction, or sentence in the criminal history data base stating that the record is marked as expunged.

**(d) If the court issues an order granting a petition for expungement under section 4 or 5 of this chapter, the court shall include in its order the information described in section 8(b) of this chapter."**

Page 4, line 31, delete "number." and insert "**number, if available.**".

Page 4, line 32, delete "(5)".

Page 4, line 32, strike "A".

Page 4, line 32, strike "copy of petitioner's records from the bureau of".

Page 4, strike line 33.

Page 4, line 34, reset in roman "(5)".

Page 4, line 34, delete "(6)".

Page 4, line 36, reset in roman "(6)".

Page 4, line 36, delete "(7)".

Page 4, line 39, reset in roman "(7)".

Page 4, line 39, delete "(8)".

Page 4, line 39, delete "convictions" and insert "convictions, **the cause number of each conviction, if known,**".

Page 4, line 39, strike "and".

Page 4, between lines 41 and 42, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(8) The petitioner shall include:**

**(A) the petitioner's Social Security number;**

**(B) the petitioner's driver's license number;**

**(C) the date of the petitioner's arrest, if applicable; and**

**(D) the date on which the petitioner was convicted."**

Page 5, line 13, delete "not".

Page 5, line 14, delete "a" and insert "**the**".

Page 5, line 14, delete "fee." and insert "**fee required in civil cases.**

**The court may reduce or waive this fee if the person is indigent."**

Page 5, line 25, after "receipt." insert "**If the prosecuting attorney fails to timely reply to the petition:**

**(1) the prosecuting attorney has waived any objection to the petition; and**

**(2) the court shall proceed to consider the petition under section 9 of this chapter."**

Page 5, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
"SECTION 9. IC 35-38-9-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 8.5. (a) This section applies only to a person seeking to expunge an Indiana offense punishable by an indeterminate sentence under a law other than IC 35-50.**

**(b) If the offense for which the person was convicted is a misdemeanor at the time the person files the petition for expungement, the person may file the petition for expungement under section 2 of this chapter.**

**(c) If the offense for which the person was convicted:**

**(1) is a Level 6 felony at the time the person files the petition for expungement; and**

**(2) is not substantially similar to an offense described in section 3(b) of this chapter;**

**the person may file the petition under section 3 of this chapter.**

**(d) If:**

**(1) the person to whom this chapter applies may not seek expungement under section 3 of this chapter; and**

**(2) the offense the person seeks to expunge is not substantially similar to an offense described in section 4(b) of this chapter;**

**the person may file the petition under section 4 of this chapter.**

**(e) If the offense for which the person was convicted:**

**(1) is a felony at the time of filing the petition, including a felony described in section 5(a) of this chapter; and**

**(2) is not substantially similar to an offense described in section 5(b) of this chapter;**

**the person may file the petition under section 5 of this chapter."**

Page 5, line 28, after "object," insert "**or has waived objection to the petition under section 8 of this chapter,**".

Page 5, line 34, after "petition," insert "**the prosecuting attorney shall file the reasons for objecting to the petition with the court and serve a copy of the objections on the petitioner at the time the prosecuting attorney objects to the petition.**".

Page 5, line 34, delete "the court" and insert "The court".

Page 7, line 24, delete "The" and insert "**Except as provided in section 6(f) of this chapter,** the".

Page 7, line 25, after "be" insert "**fully**".

Page 7, line 25, after "office," insert "**to be a proper person under IC 35-47-1-7(2),**".

Page 8, line 17, reset in roman "(i)".

Page 8, line 17, after "(i)" insert "**An expungement case, and all documents filed in the case, becomes confidential when the court issues the order granting the petition. However, until the court**





**issues the order granting the petition, documents filed in the case are not confidential, and any hearing held in the case shall be open."**

Page 8, delete lines 19 through 26.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1302 as reprinted February 3, 2015.)

STEELE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2.

