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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE SEALING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RECORDS, AND**
102 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Reduces the time from 15 years to 10 years that a person must wait before filing a petition to seal arrest and criminal records information pertaining to a criminal offense that was not charged or a case that was dismissed due to a plea agreement in a separate case. Requires a probation department or a parole officer under certain circumstances to advise a defendant of the right to seal criminal justice records.

Extends the criminal justice record sealing procedure to

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convictions. Permits a defendant, after 10 years following the completion of a sentence or release from supervision, whichever is later, to petition the district court to seal criminal conviction records information ("conviction records"). Prohibits the sealing of conviction records if the defendant still owes court-ordered restitution, fines, or fees. Specifies the procedure for sealing conviction records. Requires the court, in making the decision whether to seal the conviction records, to weigh the privacy interests of the petitioner against the public interest in retaining the conviction records.

Prohibits employers and certain institutions and agencies from requiring an applicant to disclose information in sealed conviction records. Permits the bar committee of the state board of law examiners to make inquiries into the fact of a conviction that comes to the attention of the bar committee through other means. Requires a defendant to be advised of the right to seal conviction records by the court, the probation department, and the defendant's parole officer under the appropriate circumstances.

Prohibits the sealing of conviction records as to traffic offenses and infractions, any offense with an underlying factual basis involving unlawful sexual behavior, and crimes involving specified special circumstances for which enhanced sentencing is required. Specifies that court orders sealing conviction records shall not limit the operation of discovery rules in civil cases.

Specifies that the conviction records sealing procedure shall apply to judgments of conviction entered on and after July 1, 2007. Permits the procedure to apply to judgments of conviction entered on and after July 1, 1988, but before July 1, 2007, with the consent of the prosecuting attorney. Requires the supreme court to promulgate rules of procedure that establish appropriate time periods within which to file a petition to seal conviction records concerning judgments of conviction entered on and after July 1, 1988, but before July 1, 2007.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-72-308 (1) (a) (III), (2), and (3) (a), Colorado
3 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

4 **24-72-308. Sealing of arrest and criminal records other than**
5 **convictions.** (1) (a) (III) A person in interest may petition the district
6 court of the district in which any arrest and criminal records information
7 pertaining to said person in interest is located for the sealing of all of said

1 records, except basic identification information, if the records are a record
2 of official actions involving a criminal offense that was not charged or a
3 case that was dismissed due to a plea agreement in a separate case, and
4 if:

5 (A) The petition is filed ~~fifteen~~ TEN years or more after the date
6 of the final disposition of all criminal proceedings against the person in
7 interest; and

8 (B) The person in interest has not been charged for ~~any~~ A criminal
9 offense in the ~~fifteen~~ TEN years since the date of the final disposition of
10 all criminal proceedings against the person in interest.

11 (2) **Advisements.** (a) Whenever a defendant has charges against
12 ~~him OR HER dismissed OR NOT FILED, OR WHENEVER THE DEFENDANT IS~~
13 ~~acquitted, or is sentenced following a conviction,~~ the court shall provide
14 ~~him OR HER with a written advisement of his OR HER rights PURSUANT TO~~
15 ~~THIS SECTION concerning the sealing of his OR HER criminal justice~~
16 ~~records if he OR SHE complies with the applicable provisions of this~~
17 ~~section.~~

18 (b) IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT IN LIEU OF, THE REQUIREMENT
19 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2):

20 (I) ~~IF A DEFENDANT'S CASE IS DISMISSED AFTER A PERIOD OF~~
21 ~~SUPERVISION OR PROBATION, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, UPON THE~~
22 ~~TERMINATION OF THE DEFENDANT'S PROBATION, SHALL PROVIDE THE~~
23 ~~DEFENDANT WITH A WRITTEN ADVISEMENT OF HIS OR HER RIGHTS~~
24 ~~PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION CONCERNING THE SEALING OF HIS OR HER~~
25 ~~CRIMINAL JUSTICE RECORDS~~ IF HE OR SHE COMPLIES WITH THE
26 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

27 (II) IF A DEFENDANT IS RELEASED ON PAROLE, THE DEFENDANT'S

1 PAROLE OFFICER, UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE DEFENDANT'S PAROLE,
2 SHALL PROVIDE THE DEFENDANT WITH A WRITTEN ADVISEMENT OF HIS OR
3 HER RIGHTS CONCERNING THE SEALING OF HIS OR HER CRIMINAL JUSTICE
4 RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF HE OR SHE COMPLIES WITH THE
5 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

6 (3) **Exceptions.** (a) This section shall not apply to records
7 pertaining to:

- 8 (I) ~~Any~~ A class 1 or class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense;
- 9 (II) ~~Any~~ A class A or class B traffic infraction; or
- 10 (III) ~~Any~~ A conviction for a violation of section 42-4-1301 (1) or
11 (2), C.R.S.

12 **SECTION 2.** Part 3 of article 72 of title 24, Colorado Revised
13 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
14 read:

15 **24-72-308.5. Sealing of criminal conviction records**
16 **information.** (1) **Definitions.** FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,
17 "CONVICTION RECORDS" MEANS ARREST AND CRIMINAL RECORDS
18 INFORMATION AND ~~ANY~~ RECORDS PERTAINING TO A JUDGMENT OF
19 CONVICTION.

20 (2) **Sealing of conviction records.** (a) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
21 PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, ~~A~~
22 ~~DEFENDANT MAY PETITION THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH~~
23 ~~ANY CONVICTION RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE DEFENDANT ARE LOCATED~~
24 ~~FOR THE SEALING OF THE CONVICTION RECORDS, EXCEPT BASIC~~
25 ~~IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, IF:~~

26 (A) ~~THE PETITION IS FILED TEN OR MORE YEARS AFTER THE DATE~~
27 ~~OF THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE~~

1 DEFENDANT OR THE RELEASE OF THE DEFENDANT FROM SUPERVISION
2 CONCERNING A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER; AND

3 (B) THE DEFENDANT HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED OR CONVICTED FOR
4 A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN THE TEN YEARS SINCE THE DATE OF THE FINAL
5 DISPOSITION OF ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM OR HER.

6 (II) AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS SHALL NOT DENY
7 ACCESS TO THE CRIMINAL RECORDS OF A DEFENDANT BY ANY COURT, LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY, ANY
9 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, OR ANY PARTY OR AGENCY REQUIRED BY LAW
10 TO CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK ON AN INDIVIDUAL.

11 AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO
12 VACATE A CONVICTION. A CONVICTION SEALED PURSUANT TO THIS
13 SECTION MAY BE USED BY ANY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY, LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, COURT, OR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR ANY
15 LAWFUL PURPOSE RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF ANY CRIMINAL
16 CASE OR FOR ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR
17 DUTIES. ANY PARTY OR AGENCY REQUIRED BY LAW TO CONDUCT A
18 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO USE ANY
19 SEALED CONVICTION FOR THE LAWFUL PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CRIMINAL
20 HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IS REQUIRED BY LAW.

21 (III) CONVICTION RECORDS MAY NOT BE SEALED IF THE
22 DEFENDANT STILL OWES RESTITUTION, FINES, COURT COSTS, LATE FEES, OR
23 OTHER FEES ORDERED BY THE COURT IN THE CASE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF
24 THE PETITION TO SEAL CONVICTION RECORDS, UNLESS THE COURT THAT
25 ENTERED THE ORDER FOR RESTITUTION, FINES, COURT COSTS, LATE FEES,
26 OR OTHER FEES HAS VACATED THE ORDER.

27 (b) (I) A PETITION TO SEAL CONVICTION RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE

1 A LISTING OF EACH CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS TO WHOM THE SEALING
2 ORDER IS DIRECTED AND ANY INFORMATION THAT ACCURATELY AND
3 COMPLETELY IDENTIFIES THE RECORDS TO BE SEALED.

4 (II) (A) UPON THE FILING OF A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL
5 REVIEW THE PETITION AND DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE GROUNDS
6 UNDER THIS SECTION TO PROCEED TO A HEARING ON THE PETITION. IF THE
7 COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION ON ITS FACE IS INSUFFICIENT OR
8 IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT, AFTER TAKING JUDICIAL NOTICE OF
9 MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PETITION, THE PETITIONER IS NOT ENTITLED TO
10 RELIEF UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL ENTER AN ORDER DENYING
11 THE PETITION AND MAIL A COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE PETITIONER. THE
12 COURT'S ORDER SHALL SPECIFY THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL OF THE
13 PETITION.

14 (B) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION IS SUFFICIENT
15 ON ITS FACE AND THAT NO OTHER GROUNDS EXIST AT THAT TIME FOR THE
16 COURT TO DENY THE PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL SET
17 A DATE FOR A HEARING, AND THE PETITIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE
18 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BY CERTIFIED MAIL, THE ARRESTING AGENCY,
19 AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR AGENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE PETITIONER.

20 (c) AFTER THE HEARING DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF
21 PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS CONDUCTED AND IF THE COURT
22 FINDS THAT THE HARM TO THE PRIVACY OF THE PETITIONER OR THE
23 DANGERS OF UNWARRANTED, ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES TO THE
24 PETITIONER OUTWEIGH THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN RETAINING THE
25 CONVICTION RECORDS, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE CONVICTION RECORDS,
26 EXCEPT BASIC IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION, TO BE SEALED. AN ORDER
27 ENTERED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (c) SHALL BE DIRECTED TO EACH

1 CUSTODIAN WHO MAY HAVE CUSTODY OF ANY PART OF THE CONVICTION
2 RECORDS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER. WHENEVER A COURT
3 ENTERS AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS
4 PARAGRAPH (c), THE PETITIONER SHALL PROVIDE THE COLORADO BUREAU
5 OF INVESTIGATION AND EACH CUSTODIAN OF THE CONVICTION RECORDS
6 WITH A COPY OF THE ORDER. THEREAFTER, THE PETITIONER MAY REQUEST
7 AND THE COURT MAY GRANT AN ORDER SEALING THE CIVIL CASE IN WHICH
8 THE CONVICTION RECORDS WERE SEALED.

9 (d) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF
10 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), UPON THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER
11 TO SEAL THE CONVICTION RECORDS, THE PETITIONER AND ALL CRIMINAL
12 JUSTICE AGENCIES MAY PROPERLY REPLY, UPON AN INQUIRY IN THE
13 MATTER, THAT CONVICTION RECORDS DO NOT EXIST WITH RESPECT TO THE
14 PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE SEALED CONVICTION RECORDS.

15 (e) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF
16 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), INSPECTION OF THE RECORDS
17 INCLUDED IN AN ORDER SEALING CONVICTION RECORDS MAY THEREAFTER
18 BE PERMITTED BY THE COURT ONLY UPON PETITION BY THE DEFENDANT.

19 (f) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (II)
20 AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (f), EMPLOYERS, EDUCATIONAL
21 INSTITUTIONS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, OFFICIALS,
22 LANDLORDS, AND EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT, IN ANY APPLICATION OR
23 INTERVIEW OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO DISCLOSE
24 ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SEALED CONVICTION RECORDS. AN
25 APPLICANT NEED NOT, IN ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION CONCERNING
26 CONVICTION RECORDS THAT HAVE BEEN SEALED, INCLUDE A REFERENCE
27 TO OR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEALED CONVICTION RECORDS AND

1 MAY STATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS NOT BEEN CRIMINALLY CONVICTED.
2 AN APPLICATION MAY NOT BE DENIED SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE
3 APPLICANT'S REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE CONVICTION RECORDS THAT HAVE
4 BEEN SEALED.

5 (II) SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (f) SHALL NOT
6 PRECLUDE THE BAR COMMITTEE OF THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF LAW
7 EXAMINERS FROM MAKING FURTHER INQUIRIES INTO THE FACT OF A
8 CONVICTION THAT COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BAR COMMITTEE
9 THROUGH OTHER MEANS. THE BAR COMMITTEE OF THE COLORADO STATE
10 BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS SHALL HAVE A RIGHT TO INQUIRE INTO THE
11 MORAL AND ETHICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT, AND THE
12 APPLICANT SHALL NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY OR PRIVILEGE THAT
13 JUSTIFIES HIS OR HER REFUSAL TO ANSWER A QUESTION CONCERNING
14 SEALED CONVICTION RECORDS THAT HAVE COME TO THE ATTENTION OF
15 THE BAR COMMITTEE THROUGH OTHER MEANS.

16 (III) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
17 (f) SHALL NOT APPLY TO A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY OR TO AN
18 APPLICANT TO A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY.

19 (g) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
20 AUTHORIZE THE PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF ANY CONVICTION RECORDS.

21 (3) **Advisements.** (a) WHENEVER A DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED
22 FOLLOWING A CONVICTION, THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE HIM OR HER WITH
23 A WRITTEN ADVISEMENT OF HIS OR HER RIGHTS CONCERNING THE SEALING
24 OF HIS OR HER CONVICTION RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF HE OR
25 SHE COMPLIES WITH THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

26 (b) IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT IN LIEU OF, THE REQUIREMENT
27 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3):

1 (I) IF A DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO PROBATION, THE PROBATION
2 DEPARTMENT, UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE DEFENDANT'S PROBATION,
3 SHALL PROVIDE THE DEFENDANT WITH A WRITTEN ADVISEMENT OF HIS OR
4 HER RIGHTS CONCERNING THE SEALING OF HIS OR HER CONVICTION
5 RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF HE OR SHE COMPLIES WITH THE
6 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

7 (II) IF A DEFENDANT IS RELEASED ON PAROLE, THE DEFENDANT'S
8 PAROLE OFFICER, UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE DEFENDANT'S PAROLE,
9 SHALL PROVIDE THE DEFENDANT WITH A WRITTEN ADVISEMENT OF HIS OR
10 HER RIGHTS CONCERNING THE SEALING OF HIS OR HER CONVICTION
11 RECORDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF HE OR SHE COMPLIES WITH THE
12 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

13 (4) **Exceptions.** (a) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO RECORDS
14 PERTAINING TO:

15 (I) A CLASS 1 OR CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE;

16 (II) A CLASS A OR CLASS B TRAFFIC INFRACTION;

17 (III) A CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 42-4-1301 (1) OR
18 (2), C.R.S.;

19 (IV) A CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE FACTUAL
20 BASIS INVOLVED UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
21 16-22-102 (9), C.R.S.; OR

22 (V) A CONVICTION THAT IS SUBJECT TO SENTENCING UNDER ONE
23 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

24 (A) SENTENCING FOR A CRIME INVOLVING EXTRAORDINARY
25 AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-1.3-401 (8),
26 C.R.S.;

27 (B) SENTENCING FOR A CRIME INVOLVING SENTENCE-ENHANCING

1 CIRCUMSTANCES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-1.3-401 (9), C.R.S.;

2 (C) SENTENCING FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY RISK CRIME, PURSUANT
3 TO SECTION 18-1.3-401 (10), C.R.S.;

4 (D) SENTENCING FOR A CRIME INVOLVING A PREGNANT VICTIM,
5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-1.3-401 (13), C.R.S.;

6 (E) SENTENCING FOR A CRIME PERTAINING TO A SPECIAL
7 OFFENDER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-407, C.R.S.;

8 (F) SENTENCING FOR A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR WHICH THE
9 UNDERLYING FACTUAL BASIS INVOLVES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED
10 IN SECTION 18-6-800.3, C.R.S.;

11 (G) SENTENCING FOR A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR A SEXUAL
12 OFFENSE, PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 18, C.R.S.

13 (b) COURT ORDERS SEALING RECORDS OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS
14 ENTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT LIMIT THE OPERATION OF
15 RULES OF DISCOVERY PROMULGATED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF
16 COLORADO.

17 (c) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO CONVICTION RECORDS IN
18 THE POSSESSION AND CUSTODY OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY WHEN AN
19 INQUIRY CONCERNING THE CONVICTION RECORDS IS MADE BY ANOTHER
20 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY.

21 (5) (a) **Applicability.** EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN
22 PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION
23 SHALL APPLY TO CONVICTION RECORDS PERTAINING TO JUDGMENTS OF
24 CONVICTION ENTERED ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2007.

25 (b) FOR ANY CONVICTION PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2007, FOR WHICH
26 THE DEFENDANT WOULD QUALIFY FOR RELIEF UNDER THIS SECTION, THE
27 DEFENDANT MAY OBTAIN AN ORDER FROM THE COURT TO SEAL

1 CONVICTION RECORDS IF:

2 (I) THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE
3 SEALING; AND

4 (II) THE DEFENDANT PAYS TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING
5 ATTORNEY ALL REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS OF THE
6 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RELATING TO THE PETITION TO SEAL PRIOR TO
7 THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER SEALING THE CRIMINAL RECORDS; AND

8 (III) THE DEFENDANT PAYS AN INCREASED FILING FEE SET BY THE
9 STATE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO COVER THE ACTUAL COSTS RELATED TO
10 THE FILING OF THE PETITION TO SEAL RECORDS.

11 (c) THE INCREASE IN FILING FEES COLLECTED UNDER
12 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL BE
13 TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE JUDICIAL
14 STABILIZATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 13-32-101 (1.5), C.R.S.

15 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
16 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
17 judicial stabilization cash fund created in section 13-32-101 (1.5),
18 Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the judicial
19 department, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of four
20 hundred fifty-five thousand six hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$455,679)
21 and 6.5 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the
22 implementation of this act.

23 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
24 2007.

25 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.