Chapter 40
Utah Expungement Act

77-40-101 Title.
This chapter is known as the "Utah Expungement Act."

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77-40-102 Definitions.
As used in this chapter:
(1) "Administrative finding" means a decision upon a question of fact reached by an administrative agency following an administrative hearing or other procedure satisfying the requirements of due process.
(2) "Agency" means a state, county, or local government entity that generates or maintains records relating to an investigation, arrest, detention, or conviction for an offense for which expungement may be ordered.
(3) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the Department of Public Safety established in Section 53-10-201.
(4) "Certificate of eligibility" means a document issued by the bureau stating that the criminal record and all records of arrest, investigation, and detention associated with a case that is the subject of a petition for expungement is eligible for expungement.
(5) "Conviction" means judgment by a criminal court on a verdict or finding of guilty after trial, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere.
(6) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety established in Section 53-1-103.
(7) "Drug possession offense" means an offense under:
   (a) Subsection 58-37-8(2), except any offense under Subsection 58-37-8(2)(b)(i), possession of 100 pounds or more of marijuana, any offense enhanced under Subsection 58-37-8(2)(e), violation in a correctional facility or Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g), driving with a controlled substance illegally in the person's body and negligently causing serious bodily injury or death of another;
   (b) Subsection 58-37a-5(1), use or possession of drug paraphernalia;
   (c) Section 58-37b-6, possession or use of an imitation controlled substance; or
   (d) any local ordinance which is substantially similar to any of the offenses described in this Subsection (7).
(8) "Expunge" means to seal or otherwise restrict access to the petitioner's record held by an agency when the record includes a criminal investigation, detention, arrest, or conviction.
(9) "Jurisdiction" means a state, district, province, political subdivision, territory, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.
(10) "Minor regulatory offense" means any class B or C misdemeanor offense, as well as any local ordinance, except:
   (a) any drug possession offense;
   (b) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
   (c) Sections 73-18-13 through 73-18-13.6;
   (d) those defined in Title 76, Utah Criminal Code; or
   (e) any local ordinance that is substantially similar to those offenses listed in Subsections (10)(a) through (d).
(11) "Petitioner" means a person seeking expungement under this chapter.

(12) 
(a) "Traffic offense" means:
   (i) all infractions, class B misdemeanors, and class C misdemeanors in Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code;
   (ii) Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 2, Driver Licensing Act;
   (iii) Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act; and
   (iv) all local ordinances that are substantially similar to those offenses.

(b) "Traffic offense" does not mean:
   (i) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
   (ii) Sections 73-18-13 through 73-18-13.6; or
   (iii) any local ordinance that is substantially similar to the offenses listed in Subsections (12)(b) (i) and (ii).

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77-40-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Administrative finding" means a decision upon a question of fact reached by an administrative agency following an administrative hearing or other procedure satisfying the requirements of due process.

(2) "Agency" means a state, county, or local government entity that generates or maintains records relating to an investigation, arrest, detention, or conviction for an offense for which expungement may be ordered.

(3) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the Department of Public Safety established in Section 53-10-201.

(4) "Certificate of eligibility" means a document issued by the bureau stating that the criminal record and all records of arrest, investigation, and detention associated with a case that is the subject of a petition for expungement is eligible for expungement.

(5) 
(a) "Clean slate eligible case" means a case:
   (i) where, except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), each conviction within the case is:
      (A) a misdemeanor conviction for possession of a controlled substance in violation of Subsection 58-37-8(2)(a)(i);
      (B) a class B or class C misdemeanor conviction; or
      (C) an infraction conviction;
   (ii) that involves an individual:
      (A) whose total number of convictions in Utah state courts, not including infractions, traffic offenses, or minor regulatory offenses, does not exceed the limits described in Subsections 77-40-105(5) and (6) without taking into consideration the exception in Subsection 77-40-105(8); and
      (B) against whom no criminal proceedings are pending in the state; and
   (iii) for which the following time periods have elapsed from the day on which the case is adjudicated:
      (A) at least five years for a class C misdemeanor or an infraction;
      (B) at least six years for a class B misdemeanor; and
(C) at least seven years for a class A conviction for possession of a controlled substance in violation of Subsection 58-37-8(2)(a)(i).

(b) "Clean slate eligible case" includes a case that is dismissed as a result of a successful completion of a plea in abeyance agreement governed by Subsection 77-2a-3(2)(b) if:
(i) except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), each charge within the case is:
   (A) a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance in violation of Subsection 58-37-8(2)(a)(i);
   (B) a class B or class C misdemeanor; or
   (C) an infraction;
(ii) the individual involved meets the requirements of Subsection (5)(a)(ii); and
(iii) the time periods described in Subsections (5)(a)(iii)(A) through (C) have elapsed from the day on which the case is dismissed.

(c) "Clean slate eligible case" does not include a case:
(i) where the individual is found not guilty by reason of insanity;
(ii) where the case establishes a criminal judgment accounts receivable, as defined in Section 77-32a-101, that:
   (A) has been entered as a civil judgment and transferred to the Office of State Debt Collection; or
   (B) has not been satisfied according to court records;
(iii) that resulted in one or more pleas held in abeyance or convictions for the following offenses:
   (A) any of the offenses listed in Subsection 77-40-105(2)(a);
   (B) an offense against the person in violation of Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person;
   (C) a weapons offense in violation of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons;
   (D) sexual battery in violation of Section 76-9-702.1;
   (E) an act of lewdness in violation of Section 76-9-702 or 76-9-702.5;
   (F) an offense in violation of Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
   (G) damage to or interruption of a communication device in violation of Section 76-6-108;
   (H) a domestic violence offense as defined in Section 77-36-1; or
   (I) any other offense classified in the Utah Code as a felony or a class A misdemeanor other than a class A misdemeanor conviction for possession of a controlled substance in violation of Subsection 58-37-8(2)(a)(i).

(6) "Conviction" means judgment by a criminal court on a verdict or finding of guilty after trial, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere.

(7) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety established in Section 53-1-103.

(8) "Drug possession offense" means an offense under:
(a) Subsection 58-37-8(2), except any offense under Subsection 58-37-8(2)(b)(i), possession of 100 pounds or more of marijuana, any offense enhanced under Subsection 58-37-8(2) (e), violation in a correctional facility or Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g), driving with a controlled substance illegally in the person's body and negligently causing serious bodily injury or death of another;
(b) Subsection 58-37a-5(1), use or possession of drug paraphernalia;
(c) Section 58-37b-6, possession or use of an imitation controlled substance; or
(d) any local ordinance which is substantially similar to any of the offenses described in this Subsection (8).
(9) "Expunge" means to seal or otherwise restrict access to the individual's record held by an agency when the record includes a criminal investigation, detention, arrest, or conviction.

(10) "Jurisdiction" means a state, district, province, political subdivision, territory, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.

(11) "Minor regulatory offense" means any class B or C misdemeanor offense, and any local ordinance, except:
(a) any drug possession offense;
(b) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
(c) Sections 73-18-13 through 73-18-13.6;
(d) those offenses defined in Title 76, Utah Criminal Code; or
(e) any local ordinance that is substantially similar to those offenses listed in Subsections (11)(a) through (d).

(12) "Petitioner" means an individual applying for expungement under this chapter.

(13)
(a) "Traffic offense" means:
(i) all infractions, class B misdemeanors, and class C misdemeanors in Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code;
(ii) Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 2, Driver Licensing Act;
(iii) Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act; and
(iv) all local ordinances that are substantially similar to those offenses.
(b) "Traffic offense" does not mean:
(i) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
(ii) Sections 73-18-13 through 73-18-13.6; or
(iii) any local ordinance that is substantially similar to the offenses listed in Subsections (13)(b) (i) and (ii).

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77-40-103 Expungement procedure overview.

The process for the expungement of records under this chapter regarding the arrest, investigation, detention, and conviction of a petitioner is as follows:

(1) The petitioner shall apply to the bureau for a certificate of eligibility for expungement and pay the application fee established by the department.

(2) Once the eligibility process is complete, the bureau shall notify the petitioner.

(3) If the petitioner is qualified to receive a certificate of eligibility for expungement, the petitioner shall pay the issuance fee established by the department.

(4) The petitioner shall file the certificate of eligibility with a petition for expungement in the court in which the proceedings occurred. If there were no court proceedings, or the court no longer exists, the petition may be filed in the district court where the arrest occurred. If a certificate is filed electronically, the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney shall keep the original certificate until the proceedings are concluded. If the original certificate is filed with the petition, the clerk or the court shall scan it and return it to the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney, who shall keep it until the proceedings are concluded.

(5) The petitioner shall deliver a copy of the petition and certificate to the prosecutorial office that handled the court proceedings. If there were no court proceedings, the copy of the petition and certificate shall be delivered to the county attorney's office in the jurisdiction where the arrest occurred.
(6) If an objection to the petition is filed by the prosecutor or victim, a hearing shall be set by the
court and the prosecutor and victim notified of the date.
(7) If the court requests a response from Adult Probation and Parole and a response is received,
the petitioner may file a written reply to the response within 15 days of receipt of the response.
(8) An expungement may be granted without a hearing if no objection is received.
(9) Upon receipt of an order of expungement, the petitioner shall deliver copies to all government
agencies in possession of records relating to the expunged matter.

Amended by Chapter 263, 2014 General Session

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77-40-103 Petition for expungement procedure overview.
The process for a petition for the expungement of records under this chapter regarding the
arrest, investigation, detention, and conviction of a petitioner is as follows:
(1) The petitioner shall apply to the bureau for a certificate of eligibility for expungement and pay
the application fee established by the department.
(2) Once the eligibility process is complete, the bureau shall notify the petitioner.
(3) If the petitioner is qualified to receive a certificate of eligibility for expungement, the petitioner
shall pay the issuance fee established by the department.
(4)
(a) The petitioner shall file the certificate of eligibility with a petition for expungement in the court
in which the proceedings occurred.
(b) If there were no court proceedings, or the court no longer exists, the petitioner may file the
petition in the district court where the arrest occurred.
(c) If a petitioner files a certificate of eligibility electronically, the petitioner or the petitioner’s
attorney shall keep the original certificate until the proceedings are concluded.
(d) If the petitioner files the original certificate of eligibility with the petition, the clerk or the court
shall scan and return the original certificate to the petitioner or the petitioner’s attorney, who
shall keep the original certificate until the proceedings are concluded.
(5)
(a) The petitioner shall deliver a copy of the petition and certificate of eligibility to the
prosecutorial office that handled the court proceedings.
(b) If there were no court proceedings, the petitioner shall deliver the copy of the petition and
certificate to the county attorney’s office in the jurisdiction where the arrest occurred.
(6) If the prosecutor or the victim files an objection to the petition, the court shall set a hearing and
notify the prosecutor and the victim of the date set for the hearing.
(7) If the court requests a response from Adult Probation and Parole and a response is received,
the petitioner may file a written reply to the response within 15 days of receipt of the response.
(8) A court may grant an expungement without a hearing if no objection is received.
(9) Upon receipt of an order of expungement, the petitioner shall deliver copies to all government
agencies in possession of records relating to the expunged matter.

Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

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77-40-104 Eligibility for expungement of records of arrest, investigation, and detention --
Requirements.
(1) A person who is arrested or formally charged with an offense may apply to the bureau for a certificate of eligibility to expunge the records of arrest, investigation, and detention that may have been made in the case, subject to the following conditions:

(a) at least 30 days have passed since the day of the arrest for which a certificate of eligibility is sought;

(b) there are no criminal proceedings pending against the petitioner; and

(c) one of the following occurs:

(i) charges are screened by the investigating law enforcement agency and the prosecutor makes a final determination that no charges will be filed in the case;

(ii) the entire case is dismissed with prejudice;

(iii) the entire case is dismissed without prejudice or without condition and:

(A) the prosecutor consents in writing to the issuance of a certificate of eligibility; or

(B) at least 180 days have passed since the day on which the case is dismissed;

(iv) the person is acquitted at trial on all of the charges contained in the case; or

(v) the statute of limitations expires on all of the charges contained in the case.

(2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the bureau shall issue a certificate of eligibility on an expedited basis to a petitioner seeking expungement under Subsection (1)(c)(iv).

Amended by Chapter 266, 2018 General Session

**Effective 5/1/2020**

77-40-104 Requirements to apply for certificate of eligibility to expunge records of arrest, investigation, and detention.

An individual who is arrested or formally charged with an offense may apply to the bureau for a certificate of eligibility to expunge the records of arrest, investigation, and detention that may have been made in the case, subject to the following conditions:

(1) at least 30 days have passed since the day of the arrest for which a certificate of eligibility is sought;

(2) there are no criminal proceedings pending against the individual; and

(3) one of the following occurs:

(a) charges are screened by the investigating law enforcement agency and the prosecutor makes a final determination that no charges will be filed in the case;

(b) the entire case is dismissed with prejudice;

(c) the entire case is dismissed without prejudice or without condition and:

(i) the prosecutor consents in writing to the issuance of a certificate of eligibility; or

(ii) at least 180 days have passed since the day on which the case is dismissed;

(d) the individual is acquitted at trial on all of the charges contained in the case; or

(e) the statute of limitations expires on all of the charges contained in the case.

Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

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77-40-104.1 Eligibility for removing the link between personal identifying information and court case dismissed.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Domestic violence offense" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.

(b) "Personal identifying information" means:

(i) a current name, former name, nickname, or alias; and
(ii) date of birth.

(2) A person whose criminal case is dismissed may move the court for an order to remove the link between the person's personal identifying information from the dismissed case in any publicly searchable database of the Utah state courts and the court shall grant that relief if:
   (a) 30 days have passed from the day on which the case is dismissed;
   (b) no appeal is filed for the dismissed case within the 30-day period described in Subsection (2) (a); and
   (c) no charge in the case was a domestic violence offense.

(3) Removing the link to personal identifying information of a court record under Subsection (2) does not affect a prosecuting, arresting, or other agency's records.

(4) A case history, unless expunged under this chapter, remains public and accessible through a search by case number.

Enacted by Chapter 278, 2018 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020

77-40-104.1 Eligibility for removing the link between personal identifying information and court case dismissed.
(1) As used in this section:
   (a) "Domestic violence offense" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.
   (b) "Personal identifying information" means:
      (i) a current name, former name, nickname, or alias; and
      (ii) date of birth.

(2) An individual whose criminal case is dismissed may move the court for an order to remove the link between the individual's personal identifying information from the dismissed case in any publicly searchable database of the Utah state courts and the court shall grant that relief if:
   (a) 30 days have passed from the day on which the case is dismissed;
   (b) no appeal is filed for the dismissed case within the 30-day period described in Subsection (2) (a); and
   (c) no charge in the case was a domestic violence offense.

(3) Removing the link to personal identifying information of a court record under Subsection (2) does not affect a prosecuting, arresting, or other agency's records.

(4) A case history, unless expunged under this chapter, remains public and accessible through a search by case number.

Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

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77-40-105 Eligibility for expungement of conviction -- Requirements.
(1) A person convicted of an offense may apply to the bureau for a certificate of eligibility to expunge the record of conviction as provided in this section.

(2) A petitioner is not eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility from the bureau if:
   (a) the conviction for which expungement is sought is:
      (i) a capital felony;
      (ii) a first degree felony;
      (iii) a violent felony as defined in Subsection 76-3-203.5(1)(c)(i);
      (iv) felony automobile homicide;
      (v) a felony violation of Subsection 41-6a-501(2);
(vi) a registerable sex offense as defined in Subsection 77-41-102(17); or
(vii) a registerable child abuse offense as defined in Subsection 77-43-102(2);
(b) a criminal proceeding is pending against the petitioner; or
(c) the petitioner intentionally or knowingly provides false or misleading information on the application for a certificate of eligibility.

(3) A petitioner seeking to obtain expungement for a record of conviction is not eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility from the bureau until all of the following have occurred:
(a) all fines and interest ordered by the court related to the conviction for which expungement is sought have been paid in full;
(b) all restitution ordered by the court pursuant to Section 77-38a-302, or by the Board of Pardons and Parole pursuant to Section 77-27-6, has been paid in full; and
(c) the following time periods have elapsed from the date the petitioner was convicted or released from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever occurred last, for each conviction the petitioner seeks to expunge:
(i) 10 years in the case of a misdemeanor conviction of Subsection 41-6a-501(2) or a felony conviction of Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g);
(ii) seven years in the case of a felony;
(iii) five years in the case of any class A misdemeanor or a felony drug possession offense;
(iv) four years in the case of a class B misdemeanor; or
(v) three years in the case of any other misdemeanor or infraction.

(4) The bureau may not count pending or previous infractions, traffic offenses, or minor regulatory offenses, or fines or fees arising from the infractions, traffic offenses, or minor regulatory offenses, when determining expungement eligibility.

(5) The bureau may not issue a certificate of eligibility if, at the time the petitioner seeks a certificate of eligibility, the bureau determines that the petitioner's criminal history, including previously expunged convictions, contains any of the following, except as provided in Subsection (8):
(a) two or more felony convictions other than for drug possession offenses, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode;
(b) any combination of three or more convictions other than for drug possession offenses that include two class A misdemeanor convictions, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode;
(c) any combination of four or more convictions other than for drug possession offenses that include three class B misdemeanor convictions, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode; or
(d) five or more convictions other than for drug possession offenses of any degree whether misdemeanor or felony, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode.

(6) The bureau may not issue a certificate of eligibility if, at the time the petitioner seeks a certificate of eligibility, the bureau determines that the petitioner's criminal history, including previously expunged convictions, contains any of the following:
(a) three or more felony convictions for drug possession offenses, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode; or
(b) any combination of five or more convictions for drug possession offenses, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode.

(7) If the petitioner's criminal history contains convictions for both a drug possession offense and a non drug possession offense arising from the same criminal episode, that criminal episode shall be counted as provided in Subsection (5) if any non drug possession offense in that episode:
(a) is a felony or class A misdemeanor; or
(b) has the same or a longer waiting period under Subsection (3) than any drug possession offense in that episode.

(8) If at least 10 years have elapsed from the date the petitioner was convicted or released from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever occurred last, for all convictions, then each eligibility limit defined in Subsection (5) shall be increased by one.

(9) If, prior to May 14, 2013, the petitioner has received a pardon from the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole, the petitioner is entitled to an expungement order for all pardonable offenses pursuant to Section 77-27-5.1.

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77-40-105 Requirements to apply for a certificate of eligibility to expunge conviction.

(1) An individual convicted of an offense may apply to the bureau for a certificate of eligibility to expunge the record of conviction as provided in this section.

(2) An individual is not eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility from the bureau if:
   
   (a) the conviction for which expungement is sought is:
       (i) a capital felony;
       (ii) a first degree felony;
       (iii) a violent felony as defined in Subsection 76-3-203.5(1)(c)(i);
       (iv) felony automobile homicide;
       (v) a felony violation of Subsection 41-6a-501(2);
       (vi) a registerable sex offense as defined in Subsection 77-41-102(17); or
       (vii) a registerable child abuse offense as defined in Subsection 77-43-102(2);
   
   (b) a criminal proceeding is pending against the petitioner; or
   
   (c) the petitioner intentionally or knowingly provides false or misleading information on the application for a certificate of eligibility.

(3) A petitioner seeking to obtain expungement for a record of conviction is not eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility from the bureau until all of the following have occurred:

   (a) the petitioner has paid in full all fines and interest ordered by the court related to the conviction for which expungement is sought;
   
   (b) the petitioner has paid in full all restitution ordered by the court pursuant to Section 77-38a-302, or by the Board of Pardons and Parole pursuant to Section 77-27-6; and
   
   (c) the following time periods have elapsed from the date the petitioner was convicted or released from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever occurred last, for each conviction the petitioner seeks to expunge:
       (i) 10 years in the case of a misdemeanor conviction of Subsection 41-6a-501(2) or a felony conviction of Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g);
       (ii) seven years in the case of a felony;
       (iii) five years in the case of any class A misdemeanor or a felony drug possession offense;
       (iv) four years in the case of a class B misdemeanor; or
       (v) three years in the case of any other misdemeanor or infraction.

(4) The bureau may not count pending or previous infractions, traffic offenses, or minor regulatory offenses, or fines or fees arising from the infractions, traffic offenses, or minor regulatory offenses, when determining expungement eligibility.

(5) The bureau may not issue a certificate of eligibility if, at the time the petitioner seeks a certificate of eligibility, the bureau determines that the petitioner's criminal history, including
previously expunged convictions, contains any of the following, except as provided in Subsection (8):

(a) two or more felony convictions other than for drug possession offenses, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode;

(b) any combination of three or more convictions other than for drug possession offenses that include two class A misdemeanor convictions, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode;

(c) any combination of four or more convictions other than for drug possession offenses that include three class B misdemeanor convictions, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode; or

(d) five or more convictions other than for drug possession offenses of any degree whether misdemeanor or felony, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode.

(6) The bureau may not issue a certificate of eligibility if, at the time the petitioner seeks a certificate of eligibility, the bureau determines that the petitioner's criminal history, including previously expunged convictions, contains any of the following:

(a) three or more felony convictions for drug possession offenses, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode; or

(b) any combination of five or more convictions for drug possession offenses, each of which is contained in a separate criminal episode.

(7) If the petitioner's criminal history contains convictions for both a drug possession offense and a non drug possession offense arising from the same criminal episode, that criminal episode shall be counted as provided in Subsection (5) if any non drug possession offense in that episode:

(a) is a felony or class A misdemeanor; or

(b) has the same or a longer waiting period under Subsection (3) than any drug possession offense in that episode.

(8) If at least 10 years have elapsed from the date the petitioner was convicted or released from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever occurred last, for all convictions, then each eligibility limit defined in Subsection (5) shall be increased by one.

(9) If, prior to May 14, 2013, the petitioner has received a pardon from the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole, the petitioner is entitled to an expungement order for all pardoned crimes pursuant to Section 77-27-5.1.

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77-40-106 Application for certificate of eligibility -- Fees.

(1)

(a) A petitioner seeking to obtain an expungement for a criminal record shall apply for a certificate of eligibility from the bureau.

(b) A petitioner who intentionally or knowingly provides any false or misleading information to the bureau when applying for a certificate of eligibility is guilty of a class B misdemeanor and subject to prosecution under Section 76-8-504.6.

(c) Regardless of whether the petitioner is prosecuted, the bureau may deny a certificate of eligibility to anyone who knowingly provides false information on an application.

(2)

(a) The bureau shall perform a check of records of governmental agencies, including national criminal data bases, to determine whether a petitioner is eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility under this chapter.
(b) For purposes of determining eligibility under this chapter, the bureau may review records of arrest, investigation, detention and conviction that have been previously expunged, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the expungement occurred.

(c) If the petitioner meets all of the criteria under Section 77-40-104 or 77-40-105, the bureau shall issue a certificate of eligibility to the petitioner which shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the date the certificate is issued.

(d) If, after reasonable research, a disposition for an arrest on the criminal history file is unobtainable, the bureau may issue a special certificate giving determination of eligibility to the court.

(3)

(a) The bureau shall charge application and issuance fees for a certificate of eligibility or special certificate in accordance with the process in Section 63J-1-504.

(b) The application fee shall be paid at the time the petitioner submits an application for a certificate of eligibility to the bureau.

(c) If the bureau determines that the issuance of a certificate of eligibility or special certificate is appropriate, the petitioner will be charged an additional fee for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility or special certificate unless Subsection (3)(d) applies.

(d) An issuance fee may not be assessed against a petitioner who qualifies for a certificate of eligibility under Section 77-40-104 unless the charges were dismissed pursuant to a plea in abeyance agreement under Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance, or a diversion agreement under Title 77, Chapter 2, Prosecution, Screening, and Diversion.

(e) Funds generated under this Subsection (3) shall be deposited in the General Fund as a dedicated credit by the department to cover the costs incurred in determining eligibility.

(4) The bureau shall provide clear written directions to the petitioner along with a list of agencies known to be affected by an order of expungement.

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77-40-107 Petition for expungement -- Prosecutorial responsibility -- Hearing -- Standard of proof -- Exception.

(1) The petitioner shall file a petition for expungement and the certificate of eligibility in the court specified in Section 77-40-103 and deliver a copy of the petition and certificate to the prosecuting agency. If the certificate is filed electronically, the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney shall keep the original certificate until the proceedings are concluded. If the original certificate is filed with the petition, the clerk of the court shall scan it and return it to the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney, who shall keep it until the proceedings are concluded.

(2)

(a) Upon receipt of a petition for expungement of a conviction, the prosecuting attorney shall provide notice of the expungement request by first-class mail to the victim at the most recent address of record on file.

(b) The notice shall:

(i) include a copy of the petition, certificate of eligibility, statutes, and rules applicable to the petition;

(ii) state that the victim has a right to object to the expungement; and

(iii) provide instructions for registering an objection with the court.

(3) The prosecuting attorney and the victim, if applicable, may respond to the petition by filing a recommendation or objection with the court within 35 days after receipt of the petition.
(4) The court may request a written response to the petition from the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections.

(b) If requested, the response prepared by the Division of Adult Probation and Parole shall include:
   (i) the reasons probation was terminated; and
   (ii) certification that the petitioner has completed all requirements of sentencing and probation or parole.

(c) The Division of Adult Probation and Parole shall provide a copy of the response to the petitioner and the prosecuting attorney.

(5) The petitioner may respond in writing to any objections filed by the prosecutor or the victim and the response prepared by the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within 14 days after receipt.

(6) If the court receives an objection concerning the petition from any party, the court shall set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and the prosecuting attorney of the date set for the hearing. The prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim of the date set for the hearing.

(b) The petitioner, the prosecuting attorney, the victim, and any other person who has relevant information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing.

(c) The court shall review the petition, the certificate of eligibility, and any written responses submitted regarding the petition.

(7) If no objection is received within 60 days from the date the petition for expungement is filed with the court, the expungement may be granted without a hearing.

(8) The court shall issue an order of expungement if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that:

(a) the petition and certificate of eligibility are sufficient;
(b) the statutory requirements have been met;
(c) if the petitioner seeks expungement after a case is dismissed without prejudice or without condition, the prosecutor provided written consent and has not filed and does not intend to refile related charges;
(d) if the petitioner seeks expungement of drug possession offenses allowed under Subsection 77-40-105(6), the petitioner is not illegally using controlled substances and is successfully managing any substance addiction; and
(e) it is not contrary to the interests of the public to grant the expungement.

(9) If the court denies a petition described in Subsection (8)(c) because the prosecutor intends to refile charges, the person seeking expungement may again apply for a certificate of eligibility if charges are not refiled within 180 days of the day on which the court denies the petition.

(b) A prosecutor who opposes an expungement of a case dismissed without prejudice or without condition shall have a good faith basis for the intention to refile the case.

(c) A court shall consider the number of times that good faith basis of intention to refile by the prosecutor is presented to the court in making the court's determination to grant the petition for expungement described in Subsection (8)(c).

(10) A court may not expunge a conviction of an offense for which a certificate of eligibility may not be or should not have been issued under Section 77-40-104 or 77-40-105.

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77-40-107 Petition for expungement -- Prosecutorial responsibility -- Hearing -- Standard of proof -- Exception.

(1)
(a) The petitioner shall file a petition for expungement and the certificate of eligibility in the court specified in Section 77-40-103 and deliver a copy of the petition and certificate to the prosecuting agency.
(b) If the petitioner files the certificate of eligibility electronically, the petitioner or the petitioner’s attorney shall keep the original certificate until the proceedings are concluded.
(c) If the petitioner files the original certificate of eligibility with the petition, the clerk of the court shall scan and return the original certificate to the petitioner or the petitioner’s attorney, who shall keep the original certificate until the proceedings are concluded.

(2)
(a) Upon receipt of a petition for expungement of a conviction, the prosecuting attorney shall provide notice of the expungement request by first-class mail to the victim at the most recent address of record on file.
(b) The notice shall:
   (i) include a copy of the petition, certificate of eligibility, statutes, and rules applicable to the petition;
   (ii) state that the victim has a right to object to the expungement; and
   (iii) provide instructions for registering an objection with the court.

(3) The prosecuting attorney and the victim, if applicable, may respond to the petition by filing a recommendation or objection with the court within 35 days after receipt of the petition.

(4)
(a) The court may request a written response to the petition from the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections.
(b) If requested, the response prepared by the Division of Adult Probation and Parole shall include:
   (i) the reasons probation was terminated; and
   (ii) certification that the petitioner has completed all requirements of sentencing and probation or parole.
(c) The Division of Adult Probation and Parole shall provide a copy of the response to the petitioner and the prosecuting attorney.

(5) The petitioner may respond in writing to any objections filed by the prosecutor or the victim and the response prepared by the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within 14 days after receipt.

(6)
(a)
   (i) If the court receives an objection concerning the petition from any party, the court shall set a date for a hearing and notify the petitioner and the prosecuting attorney of the date set for the hearing.
   (ii) The prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim of the date set for the hearing.
(b) The petitioner, the prosecuting attorney, the victim, and any other individual who has relevant information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing.
(c) The court shall review the petition, the certificate of eligibility, and any written responses submitted regarding the petition.

(7) If no objection is received within 60 days from the date the petition for expungement is filed with the court, the expungement may be granted without a hearing.
(8) The court shall issue an order of expungement if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that:
(a) the petition and certificate of eligibility are sufficient;
(b) the statutory requirements have been met;
(c) if the petitioner seeks expungement after a case is dismissed without prejudice or without condition, the prosecutor provided written consent and has not filed and does not intend to refile related charges;
(d) if the petitioner seeks expungement of drug possession offenses allowed under Subsection 77-40-105(6), the petitioner is not illegally using controlled substances and is successfully managing any substance addiction; and
(e) it is not contrary to the interests of the public to grant the expungement.

(9)
(a) If the court denies a petition described in Subsection (8)(c) because the prosecutor intends to refile charges, the individual seeking expungement may again apply for a certificate of eligibility if charges are not refiled within 180 days of the day on which the court denies the petition.
(b) A prosecutor who opposes an expungement of a case dismissed without prejudice or without condition shall have a good faith basis for the intention to refile the case.
(c) A court shall consider the number of times that good faith basis of intention to refile by the prosecutor is presented to the court in making the court's determination to grant the petition for expungement described in Subsection (8)(c).

(10) A court may not expunge a conviction of an offense for which a certificate of eligibility may not be or should not have been issued under Section 77-40-104 or 77-40-105.

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77-40-108 Distribution of order -- Redaction -- Receipt of order -- Administrative proceedings -- Bureau requirements.

(1)
(a) A person who receives an order of expungement under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1 shall be responsible for delivering a copy of the order of expungement to all affected criminal justice agencies and officials including the court, arresting agency, booking agency, prosecuting agency, Department of Corrections, and the bureau.
(b) A person who receives an order of expungement under Section 77-27-5.1, shall pay a processing fee to the bureau, established in accordance with the process in Section 63J-1-504, before the bureau's record may be expunged.

(2) Unless otherwise provided by law or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to respond differently, a person who has received an expungement of an arrest or conviction under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1, may respond to any inquiry as though the arrest or conviction did not occur.

(3) The bureau shall forward a copy of the expungement order to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(4) An agency receiving an expungement order shall expunge the petitioner's identifying information contained in records in its possession relating to the incident for which expungement is ordered.

(5) Unless ordered by a court to do so, or in accordance with Subsection 77-40-109(2), a government agency or official may not divulge information or records which have been
expunged regarding the petitioner contained in a record of arrest, investigation, detention, or conviction after receiving an expungement order.

(6)  
(a) An order of expungement may not restrict an agency's use or dissemination of records in its ordinary course of business until the agency has received a copy of the order.
(b) Any action taken by an agency after issuance of the order but prior to the agency's receipt of a copy of the order may not be invalidated by the order.

(7) An order of expungement may not:
(a) terminate or invalidate any pending administrative proceedings or actions of which the petitioner had notice according to the records of the administrative body prior to issuance of the expungement order;
(b) affect the enforcement of any order or findings issued by an administrative body pursuant to its lawful authority prior to issuance of the expungement order;
(c) remove any evidence relating to the petitioner including records of arrest, which the administrative body has used or may use in these proceedings; or
(d) prevent an agency from maintaining, sharing, or distributing any record required by law.

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77-40-108 Distribution of order -- Redaction -- Receipt of order -- Bureau requirements -- Administrative proceedings.

(1) An individual who receives an order of expungement under Section 77-40-107 or Section 77-27-5.1 shall be responsible for delivering a copy of the order of expungement to all affected criminal justice agencies and officials including the court, arresting agency, booking agency, prosecuting agency, Department of Corrections, and the bureau.

(ii) The provisions of Subsection (1)(a)(i) do not apply to an individual who receives an automatic expungement under Section 77-40-114.

(b) An individual who receives an order of expungement under Section 77-27-5.1, shall pay a processing fee to the bureau, established in accordance with the process in Section 63J-1-504, before the bureau's record may be expunged.

(2) Unless otherwise provided by law or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to respond differently, an individual who has received an expungement of an arrest or conviction under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1 may respond to any inquiry as though the arrest or conviction did not occur.

(3) The bureau shall forward a copy of the expungement order to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(4) An agency receiving an expungement order shall expunge the individual's identifying information contained in records in the agency's possession relating to the incident for which expungement is ordered.

(5) Unless ordered by a court to do so, or in accordance with Subsection 77-40-109(2), a government agency or official may not divulge information or records that have been expunged.

(6) An order of expungement may not restrict an agency's use or dissemination of records in the agency's ordinary course of business until the agency has received a copy of the order.
Any action taken by an agency after issuance of the order but prior to the agency's receipt of a copy of the order may not be invalidated by the order.

An order of expungement may not:

(a) terminate or invalidate any pending administrative proceedings or actions of which the individual had notice according to the records of the administrative body prior to issuance of the expungement order;

(b) affect the enforcement of any order or findings issued by an administrative body pursuant to the administrative body's lawful authority prior to issuance of the expungement order;

(c) remove any evidence relating to the individual including records of arrest, which the administrative body has used or may use in these proceedings; or

(d) prevent an agency from maintaining, sharing, or distributing any record required by law.

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Superseded 5/1/2020
77-40-108.5 Distribution for order for vacatur.

(1) A person who receives an order for vacatur under Subsection 78B-9-108(2) shall be responsible for delivering a copy of the order for vacatur to all affected criminal justice agencies and officials including the court, arresting agency, booking agency, prosecuting agency, Department of Corrections, and the bureau.

(2) In order to complete delivery of the order for vacatur to the bureau, the petitioner shall complete and attach to the order for vacatur an application for a certificate of eligibility for expungement, including identifying information and fingerprints, as provided in Subsection 77-40-103(1).

(3) The bureau shall treat the order for vacatur and attached certificate of eligibility for expungement the same as a valid order for expungement under Section 77-40-108, except as provided in this section.

(4) Unless otherwise provided by law or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to respond differently, a person who has received a vacatur of conviction under Section 78B-9-108(2), may respond to any inquiry as though the conviction did not occur.

(5) The bureau shall forward a copy of the order for vacatur to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(6) An agency receiving an order for vacatur shall expunge the petitioner's identifying information contained in records in the agency's possession relating to the incident for which vacatur is ordered.

(7) A government agency or official may not divulge information contained in a record of arrest, investigation, detention, or conviction after receiving an order for vacatur to any person or agency, except for:

(a) the petitioner for whom vacatur was ordered; or

(b) Peace Officer Standards and Training, pursuant to Section 53-6-203 and Subsection 77-40-109(2)(b)(ii).

(8) The bureau may not count vacated convictions against any future expungement eligibility.

Enacted by Chapter 447, 2017 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020
77-40-108.5 Distribution for order for vacatur.

(1) An individual who receives an order for vacatur under Subsection 78B-9-108(2) shall be responsible for delivering a copy of the order for vacatur to all affected criminal justice agencies
and officials including the court, arresting agency, booking agency, prosecuting agency, Department of Corrections, and the bureau.

(2) To complete delivery of the order for vacatur to the bureau, the individual shall complete and attach to the order for vacatur an application for a certificate of eligibility for expungement, including identifying information and fingerprints, as provided in Subsection 77-40-103(1).

(3) The bureau shall treat the order for vacatur and attached certificate of eligibility for expungement the same as a valid order for expungement under Section 77-40-108, except as provided in this section.

(4) Unless otherwise provided by law or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to respond differently, an individual who has received a vacatur of conviction under Section 78B-9-108(2) may respond to any inquiry as though the conviction did not occur.

(5) The bureau shall forward a copy of the order for vacatur to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(6) An agency receiving an order for vacatur shall expunge the individual's identifying information contained in records in the agency's possession relating to the incident for which vacatur is ordered.

(7) A government agency or official may not divulge information contained in a record of arrest, investigation, detention, or conviction after receiving an order for vacatur to any person or agency, except for:
   (a) the individual for whom vacatur was ordered; or
   (b) Peace Officer Standards and Training, pursuant to Section 53-6-203 and Subsection 77-40-109(2)(b)(ii).

(8) The bureau may not count vacated convictions against any future expungement eligibility.

Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

Superseded 5/1/2020

77-40-109 Retention and release of expunged records -- Agencies.

(1) The bureau shall keep, index, and maintain all expunged records of arrests and convictions.

(2) Employees of the bureau may not divulge any information contained in its index to any person or agency without a court order unless specifically authorized by statute.

(b) The following organizations may receive information contained in expunged records upon specific request:
   (i) the Board of Pardons and Parole;
   (ii) Peace Officer Standards and Training;
   (iii) federal authorities, only as required by federal law;
   (iv) the Department of Commerce;
   (v) the Department of Insurance;
   (vi) the State Board of Education; and
   (vii) the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, for purposes of investigating applicants for judicial office.

(c) A person or agency authorized by this Subsection (2) to view expunged records may not reveal or release any information obtained from the expunged records to anyone outside the court order or specific request, including distribution on a public website.

(3) The bureau may also use the information in its index as provided in Section 53-5-704.

(4) If, after obtaining an expungement, the petitioner is charged with a felony, the state may petition the court to open the expunged records upon a showing of good cause.

(5)
(a) For judicial sentencing, a court may order any records expunged under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1 to be opened and admitted into evidence.

(b) The records are confidential and are available for inspection only by the court, parties, counsel for the parties, and any other person who is authorized by the court to inspect them.

(c) At the end of the action or proceeding, the court shall order the records expunged again.

(d) Any person authorized by this Subsection (5) to view expunged records may not reveal or release any information obtained from the expunged records to anyone outside the court.

(6) Records released under this chapter are classified as protected under Section 63G-2-305 and are accessible only as provided under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Part 2, Access to Records.

Amended by Chapter 356, 2017 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020

77-40-109 Retention and release of expunged records -- Agencies.

(1) The bureau shall keep, index, and maintain all expunged records of arrests and convictions.

(2)

(a) Employees of the bureau may not divulge any information contained in the bureau's index to any person or agency without a court order unless specifically authorized by statute.

(b) The following organizations may receive information contained in expunged records upon specific request:

(i) the Board of Pardons and Parole;
(ii) Peace Officer Standards and Training;
(iii) federal authorities, only as required by federal law;
(iv) the Department of Commerce;
(v) the Department of Insurance;
(vi) the State Board of Education; and
(vii) the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, for purposes of investigating applicants for judicial office.

(c) A person or agency authorized by this Subsection (2) to view expunged records may not reveal or release any information obtained from the expunged records to anyone outside the specific request, except as directed by a court order, including distribution on a public website.

(3) The bureau may also use the information in the bureau's index as provided in Section 53-5-704.

(4) If, after obtaining an expungement, an individual is charged with a felony or an offense eligible for enhancement based on a prior conviction, the state may petition the court to open the expunged records upon a showing of good cause.

(5)

(a) For judicial sentencing, a court may order any records expunged under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1 to be opened and admitted into evidence.

(b) The records are confidential and are available for inspection only by the court, parties, counsel for the parties, and any other person who is authorized by the court to inspect them.

(c) At the end of the action or proceeding, the court shall order the records expunged again.

(d) Any person authorized by this Subsection (5) to view expunged records may not reveal or release any information obtained from the expunged records to anyone outside the court.

(6) Records released under this chapter are classified as protected under Section 63G-2-305 and are accessible only as provided under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Part 2, Access to Records.
Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

Superseded 5/1/2020

77-40-110 Use of expunged records -- Individuals -- Use in civil actions.
Records expunged under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1 may be released to or viewed by the following individuals:
(1) the petitioner;
(2) a law enforcement officer who was involved in the case, for use solely in the officer's defense of a civil action arising out of the officer's involvement with the petitioner in that particular case; and
(3) parties to a civil action arising out of the expunged incident, providing the information is kept confidential and utilized only in the action.

Amended by Chapter 41, 2013 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020

77-40-110 Use of expunged records -- Individuals -- Use in civil actions.
Records expunged under this chapter or Section 77-27-5.1 may be released to or viewed by the following individuals:
(1) the petitioner or an individual who receives an automatic expungement under Section 77-40-114;
(2) a law enforcement officer who was involved in the case, for use solely in the officer's defense of a civil action arising out of the officer's involvement with the petitioner in that particular case; and
(3) parties to a civil action arising out of the expunged incident, providing the information is kept confidential and utilized only in the action.

Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

Superseded 5/1/2020

77-40-111 Rulemaking.
The department may make rules to:
(1) implement procedures for applying for certificates of eligibility;
(2) specify procedures for receiving a certificate of eligibility; and
(3) create forms and determine information necessary to be provided to the bureau.

Enacted by Chapter 283, 2010 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020

77-40-111 Rulemaking.
In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department may make rules to:
(1) implement procedures for processing an automatic expungement;
(2) implement procedures for applying for certificates of eligibility;
(3) specify procedures for receiving a certificate of eligibility; and
(4) create forms and determine information necessary to be provided to the bureau.

Amended by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session
77-40-112 Penalty.
An employee or agent of an agency that is prohibited from disseminating information from expunged, vacated, or pardoned records under Section 77-27-5.1 or 77-40-109 who knowingly or intentionally discloses identifying information from the expunged, vacated, or pardoned record that has been pardoned, vacated, or expunged, unless allowed by law, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Amended by Chapter 356, 2017 General Session
Amended by Chapter 447, 2017 General Session

77-40-113 Retroactive application.
The provisions of this chapter apply retroactively to all arrests and convictions regardless of the date on which the arrests were made or convictions were entered.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 283, 2010 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020

77-40-114 Automatic expungement procedure.
(1)
(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) and subject to Section 77-40-116, this section governs the process for the automatic expungement of all records in:
   (i) a case that resulted in an acquittal on all charges;
   (ii) except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), a case that is dismissed with prejudice; or
   (iii) a case that is a clean slate eligible case.
(b) This section does not govern automatic expungement of a traffic offense.

(2)
(a) The process for automatic expungement of records for a case that resulted in an acquittal is as described in Subsections (2)(b) through (c).
(b) If a court determines that the requirements for automatic expungement have been met, a district court or justice court shall:
   (i) issue, without a petition, an expungement order; and
   (ii) based on information available, notify the bureau and the prosecuting agency identified in the case of the order of expungement.
(c) The bureau, upon receiving notice from the court, shall notify the law enforcement agencies identified in the case of the order of expungement.

(3)
(a) The process for an automatic expungement of a case that is dismissed with prejudice is as described in Subsections (3)(b) through (c).
(b) If a court determines that the requirements for automatic expungement have been met, a district court or justice court shall:
   (i) issue, without a petition, an expungement order; and
   (ii) based on information available, notify the bureau and the prosecuting agency identified in the case of the order of expungement.
(c) The bureau, upon receiving notice from the court, shall notify the law enforcement agencies identified in the case of the order of expungement.
(d) For purposes of this Subsection (3), a case that is dismissed with prejudice does not include a case that is dismissed with prejudice as a result of successful completion of a plea in abeyance agreement governed by Subsection 77-2a-3(2)(b).

(4)
(a) The process for the automatic expungement of a clean slate eligible case is as described in Subsections (4)(b) through (f) and in accordance with any rules made by the Judicial Council as described in Subsection (4)(g).
(b) A prosecuting agency shall receive notice on a monthly basis for any case prosecuted by that agency that appears to be a clean slate eligible case.
(c) Within 35 days of the day on which the notice described in Subsection (4)(b) is sent, the prosecuting agency shall provide written notice in accordance with any rules made by the Judicial Council if the prosecuting agency objects to an automatic expungement for any of the following reasons:
(i) after reviewing the agency record, the prosecuting agency believes that the case does not meet the definition of a clean slate eligible case;
(ii) the individual has not paid court-ordered restitution to the victim; or
(iii) the prosecuting agency has a reasonable belief, grounded in supporting facts, that an individual with a clean slate eligible case is continuing to engage in criminal activity within or outside of the state.
(d)
(i) If a prosecuting agency provides written notice of an objection for a reason described in Subsection (4)(c) within 35 days of the day on which the notice described in Subsection (4)(b) is sent, the court may not proceed with automatic expungement.
(ii) If 35 days pass from the day on which the notice described in Subsection (4)(b) is sent without the prosecuting agency providing written notice of an objection for a reason described in Subsection (4)(c), the court may proceed with automatic expungement.
(e) If a court determines that the requirements for automatic expungement have been met, a district court or justice court shall:
(i) issue, without a petition, an expungement order; and
(ii) based on information available, notify the bureau and the prosecuting agency identified in the case of the order of expungement.
(f) The bureau, upon receiving notice from the court, shall notify the law enforcement agencies identified in the case of the order of expungement.
(g) The Judicial Council shall make rules to govern the process for automatic expungement of records for a clean slate eligible case in accordance with this Subsection (4).
(5) Nothing in this section precludes an individual from filing a petition for expungement of records that are eligible for automatic expungement under this section if an automatic expungement has not occurred pursuant to this section.
(6) An automatic expungement performed under this section does not preclude a person from requesting access to expunged records in accordance with Section 77-40-109 or 77-40-110.

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Effective 5/1/2020

77-40-115 Automatic deletion for traffic offense.
(1) Subject to Section 77-40-116, records for the following traffic offenses shall be deleted without a court order or notice to the prosecuting agency:
(a) a traffic offense case that resulted in an acquittal on all charges;
(b) a traffic offense case that is dismissed with prejudice, other than a case that is dismissed with prejudice as a result of successful completion of a plea in abeyance agreement governed by Subsection 77-2a-3(2)(b); or
(c) a traffic offense case that is a clean slate eligible case, as that term is defined in Section 77-40-102.
(2) The Judicial Council shall make rules to provide an ongoing process for identifying and deleting records on all traffic offenses described in Subsection (1).

Enacted by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session

Effective 5/1/2020
77-40-116 Time periods for expungement or deletion -- Identification and processing of clean slate eligible cases.
(1) Reasonable efforts within available funding shall be made to expunge or delete a case as quickly as is practicable with the goal of:
(a) for cases adjudicated on or after May 1, 2020:
(i) expunging a case that resulted in an acquittal on all charges, 60 days after the acquittal;
(ii) expunging a case that resulted in a dismissal with prejudice, other than a case that is dismissed with prejudice as a result of successful completion of a plea in abeyance agreement governed by Subsection 77-2a-3(2)(b), 180 days after:
(A) for a case in which no appeal was filed, the day on which the entire case against the individual is dismissed with prejudice; or
(B) for a case in which an appeal was filed, the day on which a court issues a final unappealable order;
(iii) expunging a clean slate eligible case that is not a traffic offense within 30 days of the court, in accordance with Section 77-40-114, determining that the requirements for expungement have been satisfied; or
(iv) deleting a clean slate eligible case that is a traffic offense upon identification; and
(b) for cases adjudicated before May 1, 2020, expunging or deleting a case within one year of the day on which the case is identified as eligible for automatic expungement or deletion.
(2)
(a) The Judicial Council shall make rules governing the identification and processing of clean slate eligible cases in accordance with Sections 77-40-114 and 77-40-115.
(b) Reasonable efforts shall be made to identify and process all clean slate eligible cases in accordance with Sections 77-40-114 and 77-40-115.
(c) An individual does not have a cause of action for damages as a result of the failure to identify an individual's case as a clean slate eligible case or to automatically expunge or delete the records of a clean slate eligible case.

Enacted by Chapter 448, 2019 General Session