

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 677

HOUSE BILL NO. 1679

By Representatives Lamberth, Halford, Hardaway, Hawk, Russell, Moody, Beck, Dixie, Howell, Sherrell, Eldridge, Crawford, Shaw, Camper, Thompson, Jernigan, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1781

By Senators Lundberg, Akbari, Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32, relative to expunction of criminal records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-32-101(g)(2), is amended by deleting subdivisions (g)(2)(A) and (g)(2)(B) and substituting:

(A)

(i) The person has not been convicted of a criminal offense that is ineligible for expunction, including federal offenses and offenses in other states, that occurred prior to the offense for which the person is seeking expunction; provided, that a moving or nonmoving traffic offense shall not be considered an offense as used in this subdivision (g)(2)(A)(i); and

(ii) The person has not previously been granted expunction under this subsection (g) for another criminal offense;

(B) At the time of the filing of the petition for expunction at least:

(i) Five (5) years have elapsed since the completion of the sentence imposed for the offense the person is seeking to have expunged, if the offense is a misdemeanor or Class E felony; or

(ii) Ten (10) years have elapsed since the completion of the sentence imposed for the offense the person is seeking to have expunged, if the offense is a Class C or D felony; and

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: <u>March 14, 2022</u>

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this _28th day of _____ 2022

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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR