

HOUSE BILL NO. 4982

September 17, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Meerman, Webber, Rabhi, Bellino, Filler, O'Malley, Wentworth, Sabo, Coleman, Leutheuser, Hertel, Cynthia Johnson, Yancey, Whitsett, Peterson, Brenda Carter, Brann, Cherry, Manoogian, Sowerby, Garza, Inman, Wendzel, Tyrone Carter, Koleszar, Gay-Dagnogo, Sheppard, Wozniak, Rendon, Bolden, Kahle, Garrett, Tate, Wittenberg, Jones, Cambensy, Crawford, Slagh, Anthony, Camilleri, Guerra, Mueller, Hoadley, Kuppa, Brixie, Hood, Lilly, Yaroch, Pohutsky, Robinson and Reilly and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1965 PA 213, entitled

"An act to provide for setting aside the conviction in certain criminal cases; to provide for the effect of such action; to provide for the retention of certain nonpublic records and their use; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public agencies and officers; and to prescribe penalties,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 780.621), as amended by 2016 PA 336.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) Except as **otherwise** provided in this section, a
2 person who is convicted of not more than 1 offense may file an
3 application with the convicting court for the entry of an order



1 setting aside 1 or more convictions as follows:

2 (a) A person who is convicted of not more than 1 felony
3 offense and not more than 2 misdemeanor offenses may petition the
4 convicting court to set aside the felony offense.

5 (b) Except as provided in ~~subdivision (c)~~, **subdivisions (c)**
6 **and (d)**, a person who is convicted of not more than 2 misdemeanor
7 offenses and no other felony or misdemeanor offenses may petition
8 the convicting court or the convicting courts to set aside 1 or
9 both of the misdemeanor convictions.

10 (c) A person who is convicted of a violation or an attempted
11 violation of section 520e of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
12 MCL 750.520e, before January 12, 2015 may petition the convicting
13 court to set aside the conviction if the individual has not been
14 convicted of another offense other than not more than 2 minor
15 offenses. As used in this subdivision, "minor offense" means a
16 misdemeanor or ordinance violation to which all of the following
17 apply:

18 (i) The maximum permissible term of imprisonment does not
19 exceed 90 days.

20 (ii) The maximum permissible fine is not more than \$1,000.00.

21 (iii) The person who committed the offense is not more than 21
22 years old.

23 **(d) A person convicted of 1 or more misdemeanor marihuana**
24 **offenses, if the offense would not have been a crime if committed**
25 **on or after December 6, 2018, may petition the court to set aside**
26 **the misdemeanor offense or offenses.**

27 (2) A conviction that was deferred and dismissed under any of
28 the following, whether a misdemeanor or a felony, ~~shall be is~~
29 considered a misdemeanor conviction under subsection (1) for



1 purposes of determining whether a person is eligible to have any
2 conviction set aside under this act:

3 (a) Section 703 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998,
4 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703.

5 (b) Section 1070(1)(b)(i) or 1209 of the revised judicature act
6 of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1070 and 600.1209.

7 (c) Section 13 of chapter II or section 4a of chapter IX of
8 the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 762.13 and 769.4a.

9 (d) Section 7411 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
10 333.7411.

11 (e) Section 350a or 430 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA
12 328, MCL 750.350a and 750.430.

13 (f) Any other law or laws of this state or of a political
14 subdivision of this state similar in nature and applicability to
15 those listed in this subsection that provide for the deferral and
16 dismissal of a felony or misdemeanor charge.

17 (3) A person shall not apply to have set aside, and a judge
18 shall not set aside, a conviction for any of the following:

19 (a) A felony for which the maximum punishment is life
20 imprisonment or an attempt to commit a felony for which the maximum
21 punishment is life imprisonment.

22 (b) A violation or attempted violation of section 136b(3),
23 136d(1)(b) or (c), 145c, 145d, 520c, 520d, or 520g of the Michigan
24 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, 750.136d, 750.145c,
25 750.145d, 750.520c, 750.520d, and 750.520g.

26 (c) A violation or attempted violation of section 520e of the
27 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520e, if the conviction
28 occurred on or after January 12, 2015.

29 (d) A traffic offense, including, but not limited to, a



1 conviction for operating while intoxicated.

2 (e) A felony conviction for domestic violence, if the person
3 has a previous misdemeanor conviction for domestic violence.

4 (f) A violation of former section 462i or 462j or chapter
5 LXVIIIA or chapter LXXXIII-A of the Michigan penal code, ~~1938 PA~~
6 ~~321,~~ **1931 PA 328**, MCL 750.462a to 750.462h and 750.543a to
7 750.543z.

8 (4) A person who is convicted of a violation of section 448,
9 449, or 450 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.448,
10 750.449, and 750.450, or a local ordinance substantially
11 corresponding to section 448, 449, or 450 of the Michigan penal
12 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.448, 750.449, and 750.450, may apply to
13 have that conviction set aside if he or she committed the offense
14 as a direct result of his or her being a victim of a human
15 trafficking violation.

16 (5) An application under subsection (1) ~~shall~~**must** only be
17 filed 5 or more years after whichever of the following events
18 occurs last:

19 (a) Imposition of the sentence for the conviction that the
20 applicant seeks to set aside.

21 (b) Completion of probation imposed for the conviction that
22 the applicant seeks to set aside.

23 (c) Discharge from parole imposed for the conviction that the
24 applicant seeks to set aside.

25 (d) Completion of any term of imprisonment imposed for the
26 conviction that the applicant seeks to set aside.

27 (6) If a petition under this act is denied by the convicting
28 court, a person shall not file another petition concerning the same
29 conviction or convictions with the convicting court until 3 years



1 after the date the convicting court denies the previous petition,
2 unless the court specifies an earlier date for filing another
3 petition in the order denying the petition.

4 (7) An application under subsection (4) may be filed at any
5 time following the date of the conviction to be set aside. A person
6 may apply to have more than 1 conviction set aside under subsection
7 (4).

8 (8) An application under this section is invalid unless it
9 contains the following information and is signed under oath by the
10 person whose conviction is or convictions are to be set aside:

11 (a) The full name and current address of the applicant.

12 (b) A certified record of each conviction that is to be set
13 aside.

14 (c) For an application under subsection (1), a statement that
15 the applicant has not been convicted of an offense other than the
16 conviction or convictions sought to be set aside as a result of
17 this application and any nondisqualifying misdemeanor convictions
18 described in subsection (1) (a).

19 (d) A statement listing all actions enumerated in subsection
20 (2) that were initiated against the applicant and have been
21 dismissed.

22 (e) A statement as to whether the applicant has previously
23 filed an application to set aside this or other conviction and, if
24 so, the disposition of the application.

25 (f) A statement as to whether the applicant has any other
26 criminal charge pending against him or her in any court in the
27 United States or in any other country.

28 (g) If the person is seeking to have 1 or more convictions set
29 aside under subsection (4), a statement that he or she meets the



1 criteria set forth in subsection (4), together with a statement of
2 the facts supporting his or her contention that the conviction was
3 a direct result of his or her being a victim of human trafficking.

4 (h) A consent to the use of the nonpublic record created under
5 section 3 to the extent authorized by section 3.

6 (9) The applicant shall submit a copy of the application and 1
7 complete set of fingerprints to the department of state police. The
8 department of state police shall compare those fingerprints with
9 the records of the department, including the nonpublic record
10 created under section 3, and shall forward an electronic copy of a
11 complete set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation
12 for a comparison with the records available to that agency. The
13 department of state police shall report to the court in which the
14 application is filed the information contained in the department's
15 records with respect to any pending charges against the applicant,
16 any record of conviction of the applicant, and the setting aside of
17 any conviction of the applicant and shall report to the court any
18 similar information obtained from the Federal Bureau of
19 Investigation. The court shall not act upon the application until
20 the department of state police reports the information required by
21 this subsection to the court.

22 (10) The copy of the application submitted to the department
23 of state police under subsection (9) ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by a
24 fee of \$50.00 payable to the state of Michigan that ~~shall~~**must** be
25 used by the department of state police to defray the expenses
26 incurred in processing the application.

27 (11) A copy of the application ~~shall~~**must** be served upon the
28 attorney general and upon the office of each prosecuting attorney
29 who prosecuted the crime or crimes the applicant seeks to set



1 aside, and an opportunity ~~shall~~**must** be given to the attorney
2 general and to the prosecuting attorney to contest the application.
3 If a conviction was for an assaultive crime or a serious
4 misdemeanor, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim of
5 the assaultive crime or serious misdemeanor of the application
6 under section 22a or 77a of the William Van Regenmorter crime
7 victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.772a and 780.827a. The
8 notice ~~shall~~**must** be by first-class mail to the victim's last known
9 address. The victim has the right to appear at any proceeding under
10 this act concerning that conviction and to make a written or oral
11 statement.

12 (12) For an application under subsection (1), upon the hearing
13 of the application the court may require the filing of affidavits
14 and the taking of proofs as it considers proper.

15 (13) For an application under subsection (4), if the applicant
16 proves to the court by a preponderance of the evidence that the
17 conviction was a direct result of his or her being a victim of
18 human trafficking, the court may, subject to the requirements of
19 subsection (14), enter an order setting aside the conviction.

20 (14) ~~If~~**Subject to subsection (15), if** the court determines
21 that the circumstances and behavior of an applicant under
22 subsection (1) or (4), from the date of the applicant's conviction
23 or convictions to the filing of the application warrant setting
24 aside the conviction or convictions, and that setting aside the
25 conviction or convictions is consistent with the public welfare,
26 the court may enter an order setting aside the conviction or
27 convictions.

28 (15) **The court must grant an application to set aside a**
29 **conviction under subsection (1) (d) if the court determines that the**



1 conduct that resulted in the conviction does not constitute a
2 criminal violation of the laws of this state on the date of the
3 application.

4 (16) ~~(15)~~—The setting aside of a conviction or convictions
5 under this act is a privilege and conditional and is not a right.

6 (17) ~~(16)~~—As used in this section:

7 (a) "Assaultive crime" means that term as defined in section
8 9a of chapter X of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
9 770.9a.

10 (b) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section
11 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

12 (c) "Felony" means either of the following, as applicable:

13 (i) For purposes of the offense to be set aside, felony means a
14 violation of a penal law of this state that is punishable by
15 imprisonment for more than 1 year or that is designated by law to
16 be a felony.

17 (ii) For purposes of identifying a prior offense, felony means
18 a violation of a penal law of this state, of another state, or of
19 the United States that is punishable by imprisonment for more than
20 1 year or is designated by law to be a felony.

21 (d) "Human trafficking violation" means a violation of chapter
22 LXVIIIA of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to
23 750.462h **or of former section 462i or 462j of that act.**

24 (e) "Indian tribe" means an Indian tribe, Indian band, or
25 Alaskan native village that is recognized by federal law or
26 formally acknowledged by a state.

27 (f) "Misdemeanor" means a violation of any of the following:

28 (i) A penal law of this state, another state, an Indian tribe,
29 or the United States that is not a felony.



1 (ii) An order, rule, or regulation of a state agency that is
2 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine that
3 is not a civil fine, or both.

4 (iii) A local ordinance of a political subdivision of this state
5 substantially corresponding to a crime listed in subparagraph (i) or
6 (ii) that is not a felony.

7 (iv) A violation of the law of another state or political
8 subdivision of another state substantially corresponding to a crime
9 listed under subparagraph (i) or (ii) that is not a felony.

10 (v) A violation of the law of the United States substantially
11 corresponding to a crime listed under subparagraph (i) or (ii) that
12 is not a felony.

13 (g) "Operating while intoxicated" means a violation of any of
14 the following:

15 (i) Section 625 or 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
16 300, MCL 257.625 and 257.625m.

17 (ii) A local ordinance substantially corresponding to a
18 violation listed in subparagraph (i).

19 (iii) A law of an Indian tribe substantially corresponding to a
20 violation listed in subparagraph (i).

21 (iv) A law of another state substantially corresponding to a
22 violation listed in subparagraph (i).

23 (v) A law of the United States substantially corresponding to
24 a violation listed in subparagraph (i).

25 (h) "Serious misdemeanor" means that term as defined in
26 section 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights
27 act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.811.

28 (i) "Victim" means that term as defined in sections 2, 31, and



- 1 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985
- 2 PA 87, MCL 780.752, 780.781, and 780.811.

