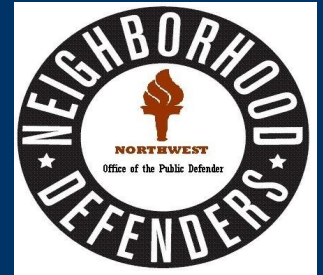


# Certain Criminal Convictions Are Eligible to be Expunged \*



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In 2008, the Maryland Legislature allowed certain types of convictions to be expunged.

In 2013, the Legislature expanded the law and allowed certain convictions, including the ones from 2008, in which the person was found “not criminally responsible” (NCR) to be expunged.

In 2015, the Legislature further added another type of conviction—crimes which are no longer crimes based on the act itself.

Prior to these new laws, all convictions were not eligible unless the Governor granted a pardon. Take advantage of the new laws.

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## Convictions for the following acts:

- Urinating or Defecating in a Public Place
- Panhandling or Soliciting for Money
- Drinking an Alcoholic Beverage in a Public Place
- Obstructing the Free Passage of Another in a Public Place or Public Conveyance
- Sleeping on or in Park Structures, such as Benches and Doorways
- Loitering
- Vagrancy
- Riding a Transit Vehicle without Paying the Applicable Fare or Showing Proof of Payment.
- Except for Section 6, all other acts specified in § 7-705 of the Transportation Article.

## NCR Dispositions for all the above plus:

- Trespass
- Disturbing the Peace
- Telephone Misuse

## No Longer a Crime\*:

- Examples
- Marihuana less than 10grams.
  - Violation of a rental agreement

\* This is a very small category of cases.

\* Speak to an attorney before filing.

## Limitations:

- Generally the expungement petition cannot be filed until three (3) years after the disposition of the case and completion of probation.
- If one (1) charge in the case is not eligible, then the entire case is not eligible.
- Cannot have a pending criminal charge.