

HOUSE BILL NO. 4985

September 17, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Gay-Dagnogo, Webber, Rabhi, Bellino, Filler, Wentworth, O'Malley, Sabo, Leutheuser, Hertel, Cynthia Johnson, Coleman, Yancey, Whitsett, Peterson, Brenda Carter, Cherry, Manoogian, Sowerby, Garza, Inman, Wendzel, Tyrone Carter, Koleszar, Sheppard, Wozniak, Bolden, Kahle, Rendon, Garrett, Tate, Cambensy, Crawford, Wittenberg, Jones, Slagh, Anthony, Camilleri, Guerra, Meerman, Kuppa, Brixie, Hood, Lilly, Pohutsky, Reilly, Robinson and Berman 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 provided in this section, a person who
2 is convicted of ~~not more than 1 offense~~ **or more criminal offenses**



1 may file an application with the convicting court for the entry of
2 an order setting aside 1 or more convictions as follows:

3 (a) A person who is convicted of not more than 1 felony
4 offense and not more than 2 misdemeanor offenses may petition the
5 convicting court to set aside the felony offense **conviction. For**
6 **purposes of this section, more than 1 felony offense must be**
7 **treated as a single felony conviction if the felony convictions**
8 **were contemporaneous such that they all occurred within 24 hours or**
9 **less and reflected a similar intent, provided that none of those**
10 **felony offenses constitute any of the following:**

11 (i) An assaultive crime.

12 (ii) A crime involving the use or possession of a weapon.

13 (iii) A crime with a maximum penalty of 10 or more years'
14 imprisonment.

15 (iv) A conviction for a crime that if it had been obtained in
16 this state would be for an assaultive crime.

17 (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a person who is
18 convicted of not more than 2 misdemeanor offenses and no other
19 felony or misdemeanor offenses may petition the convicting court or
20 the convicting courts to set aside 1 or both of the misdemeanor
21 convictions.

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

1 (i) The maximum permissible term of imprisonment does not
2 exceed 90 days.

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

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

6 (2) A conviction that was deferred and dismissed under any of
7 the following, whether a misdemeanor or a felony, ~~shall be~~ **is**
8 considered a misdemeanor conviction under subsection (1) for
9 purposes of determining whether a person is eligible to have any
10 conviction set aside under this act:

11 (a) Section 703 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998,
12 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703.

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

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

17 (d) Section 7411 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
18 333.7411.

19 (e) Section 350a or 430 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA
20 328, MCL 750.350a and 750.430.

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

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

27 (a) A felony for which the maximum punishment is life
28 imprisonment or an attempt to commit a felony for which the maximum
29 punishment is life imprisonment.



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

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

(d) A traffic offense, including, but not limited to, a conviction for operating while intoxicated.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Completion of probation imposed for the conviction that



1 the applicant seeks to set aside.

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

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

6 (6) If a petition under this act is denied by the convicting
7 court, a person shall not file another petition concerning the same
8 conviction or convictions with the convicting court until 3 years
9 after the date the convicting court denies the previous petition,
10 unless the court specifies an earlier date for filing another
11 petition in the order denying the petition.

12 (7) An application under subsection (4) may be filed at any
13 time following the date of the conviction to be set aside. A person
14 may apply to have more than 1 conviction set aside under subsection
15 (4).

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

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

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

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

27 (d) A statement listing all actions enumerated in subsection
28 (2) that were initiated against the applicant and have been
29 dismissed.

1 (e) A statement as to whether the applicant has previously
2 filed an application to set aside this or ~~other~~**another** conviction
3 and, if so, the disposition of the application.

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

7 (g) If the person is seeking to have 1 or more convictions set
8 aside under subsection (4), a statement that he or she meets the
9 criteria set forth in subsection (4), together with a statement of
10 the facts supporting his or her contention that the conviction was
11 a direct result of his or her being a victim of human trafficking.

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

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



1 (10) The copy of the application submitted to the department
2 of state police under subsection (9) ~~shall~~**must** be accompanied by a
3 fee of \$50.00 payable to the state of Michigan that ~~shall~~**must** be
4 used by the department of state police to defray the expenses
5 incurred in processing the application.

6 (11) A copy of the application ~~shall~~**must** be served upon the
7 attorney general and upon the office of each prosecuting attorney
8 who prosecuted the crime or crimes the applicant seeks to set
9 aside, and an opportunity ~~shall~~**must** be given to the attorney
10 general and to the prosecuting attorney to contest the application.
11 If a conviction was for an assaultive crime or a serious
12 misdemeanor, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim of
13 the assaultive crime or serious misdemeanor of the application
14 under section 22a or 77a of the William Van Regenmorter crime
15 victim's rights act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.772a and 780.827a. The
16 notice ~~shall~~**must** be by first-class mail to the victim's last known
17 address. The victim has the right to appear at any proceeding under
18 this act concerning that conviction and to make a written or oral
19 statement.

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

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

28 (14) If the court determines that the circumstances and
29 behavior of an applicant under subsection (1) or (4), from the date



1 of the applicant's conviction or convictions to the filing of the
2 application warrant setting aside the conviction or convictions,
3 and that setting aside the conviction or convictions is consistent
4 with the public welfare, the court may enter an order setting aside
5 the conviction or convictions.

6 (15) The setting aside of a conviction or convictions under
7 this act is a privilege and conditional and is not a right.

8 (16) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Assaultive crime" means that term as defined in section
10 9a of chapter X of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
11 770.9a.

12 (b) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section
13 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

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

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

19 (ii) For purposes of identifying a prior offense, felony means
20 a violation of a penal law of this state, of another state, or of
21 the United States that is punishable by imprisonment for more than
22 1 year or is designated by law to be a felony.

23 (d) "Human trafficking violation" means a violation of chapter
24 LXVIIIA of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to
25 750.462h, **or of former sections 462i or 462j of that act.**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

15 (g) "Operating while intoxicated" means a violation of any of
16 the following:

17 (i) Section 625 or 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
18 300, MCL 257.625 and 257.625m.

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

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

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

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

27 (h) "Serious misdemeanor" means that term as defined in
28 section 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights



1 act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.811.

2 (i) "Victim" means that term as defined in sections 2, 31, and
 3 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985
 4 PA 87, MCL 780.752, 780.781, and 780.811.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
 6 after the date it is enacted into law.