

HB 1645 -- Expungement of a Misdemeanor Offense

Sponsor: Fisher

This bill allows any person who wants to have a record of a misdemeanor expunged to file a verified petition for expungement in the civil division of the circuit court in the county where the person was convicted. The individual must wait at least eight years from the date of the conviction before applying for expungement and cannot have been convicted of any other misdemeanor or felony offense during that time. The court is required to enter an order of expungement if it determines that the individual has not been convicted of any subsequent misdemeanor or felony offense and has no other misdemeanor or felony charges pending at the time of the hearing on the application.

Upon the granting of the order of expungement, the records must be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. An individual is only entitled to one expungement.

These provisions do not apply to offenses covered under Section 577.054, RSMo.