

HB 1843 -- EXPUNGEMENTS

SPONSOR: Gardner

Currently, only certain misdemeanor and nonviolent felony offenses may be expunged. This bill allows for any misdemeanor or nonviolent felony to be expunged. "Nonviolent felony" is defined as any felony that does not involve serious physical injury, death, or the use or threatened use of a deadly weapon by the perpetrator of the felony.

The bill prohibits sex-related offenses from being expunged. This bill reduces the time required before filing an expungement petition from 20 to five years from the completion of the offender's sentence as well as any probation or parole. The bill authorizes the court to set a discretionary fee to file the petition for expungement.

This bill is the same as HB 1130 (2015).