

HOUSE BILL NO. 5021

September 25, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Eisen 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 for an application to set aside a
2 nonviolent firearm-related felony that must be made as provided
3 under the nonviolent firearm-related felony act and except as



1 **otherwise** provided in this section, a person who is convicted of
2 not more than 1 offense may file an application with the convicting
3 court for the entry of an order setting aside 1 or more convictions
4 as follows:

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

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

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

21 (i) The maximum permissible term of imprisonment does not
22 exceed 90 days.

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

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

26 (2) A conviction that was deferred and dismissed under any of
27 the following, whether a misdemeanor or a felony, shall be
28 considered a misdemeanor conviction under subsection (1) for
29 purposes of determining whether a person is eligible to have any



1 conviction set aside under this act:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 unless the court specifies an earlier date for filing another
2 petition in the order denying the petition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 the facts supporting his or her contention that the conviction was
2 a direct result of his or her being a victim of human trafficking.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

28 (16) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Assaultive crime" means that term as defined in section



1 9a of chapter X of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
2 770.9a.

3 (b) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section
4 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

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

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

10 (ii) For purposes of identifying a prior offense, felony means
11 a violation of a penal law of this state, of another state, or of
12 the United States that is punishable by imprisonment for more than
13 1 year or is designated by law to be a felony.

14 (d) "Human trafficking violation" means a violation of chapter
15 LXVIIIA of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to
16 750.462h, **or of former sections 462i or 462j of that act.**

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

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

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

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

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

29 (iv) A violation of the law of another state or political



1 subdivision of another state substantially corresponding to a crime
2 listed under subparagraph (i) or (ii) that is not a felony.

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

6 (g) "Operating while intoxicated" means a violation of any of
7 the following:

8 (i) Section 625 or 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA
9 300, MCL 257.625 and 257.625m.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (i) "Victim" means that term as defined in sections 2, 31, and
22 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985
23 PA 87, MCL 780.752, 780.781, and 780.811.

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

26 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
27 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5020 (request no.
28 00179'19) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.

