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Prime Sponsor: Case

Catch Title: Expungement of misdemeanors.

Subject: Expungement of misdemeanors.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, a person convicted of a specified misdemeanor may petition the convicting court for an expungement of the records of conviction if:
 - At least 5 years have passed since the expiration of the terms of sentence imposed by the court;
 - The petitioner has not previously pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to or been convicted of certain misdemeanors; and
 - The misdemeanor sought to be expunged did not involve the use or attempted use of a firearm.
- This bill removes the limitation on which misdemeanors may be expunged.
- The bill specifies the number of years to have passed since the expiration of the terms of sentence imposed in order to expunge a misdemeanor record is 5 years for non-status offenses and 1 year for status offenses.
- The bill repeals the requirement that the petitioner had not previously pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to or been convicted of certain misdemeanors.

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