

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4984**

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

6           ~~(a) A person who is convicted of not more than 1 felony~~



1 ~~offense and not more than 2 misdemeanor offenses may petition the~~  
 2 ~~convicting court to set aside the felony offense.~~

3 ~~(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a person who is~~  
 4 ~~convicted of not more than 2 misdemeanor offenses and no other~~  
 5 ~~felony or misdemeanor offenses may petition the convicting court or~~  
 6 ~~the convicting courts to set aside 1 or both of the misdemeanor~~  
 7 ~~convictions.~~

8 (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), a person  
 9 convicted of 1 or more criminal offenses, but not more than a total  
 10 of 3 felony offenses, in this state, may apply to have all of his  
 11 or her convictions from this state set aside.

12 (b) An applicant may not have more than a total of 2  
 13 convictions for an assaultive crime set aside under this act during  
 14 his or her lifetime.

15 (c) An applicant may not have more than 1 felony conviction  
 16 for the same offense set aside under this section if the offense is  
 17 punishable by more than 10 years imprisonment.

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

26 (i) The maximum permissible term of imprisonment does not  
 27 exceed 90 days.

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

29 (iii) The person who committed the offense is not more than 21



1 years old.

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

7 (a) Section 703 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998,  
8 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703.

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

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

13 (d) Section 7411 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL  
14 333.7411.

15 (e) Section 350a or 430 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA  
16 328, MCL 750.350a and 750.430.

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

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

23 ~~(a) A felony for which the maximum punishment is life  
24 imprisonment or an attempt to commit a felony for which the maximum  
25 punishment is life imprisonment.~~

26 ~~(b) A violation or attempted violation of section 136b(3),  
27 136d(1)(b) or (c), 145c, 145d, 520c, 520d, or 520g of the Michigan  
28 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, 750.136d, 750.145c,  
29 750.145d, 750.520c, 750.520d, and 750.520g.~~



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

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

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

8 ~~(f) A violation of former section 462i or 462j or chapter~~  
 9 ~~LXVIIIA or chapter LXXXIII-A of the Michigan penal code, 1938 PA~~  
 10 ~~321, MCL 750.462a to 750.462h and 750.543a to 750.543z.~~

11 **(3)** ~~(4)~~ A person who is convicted of a violation of section  
 12 448, 449, or 450 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
 13 750.448, 750.449, and 750.450, or a local ordinance substantially  
 14 corresponding to section 448, 449, or 450 of the Michigan penal  
 15 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.448, 750.449, and 750.450, may apply to  
 16 have that conviction set aside if he or she committed the offense  
 17 as a direct result of his or her being a victim of a human  
 18 trafficking violation.

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

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

23 ~~(b) Completion of probation imposed for the conviction that~~  
 24 ~~the applicant seeks to set aside.~~

25 ~~(c) Discharge from parole imposed for the conviction that the~~  
 26 ~~applicant seeks to set aside.~~

27 ~~(d) Completion of any term of imprisonment imposed for the~~  
 28 ~~conviction that the applicant seeks to set aside.~~

29 ~~(6) If a petition under this act is denied by the convicting~~



1 ~~court, a person shall not file another petition concerning the same~~  
 2 ~~conviction or convictions with the convicting court until 3 years~~  
 3 ~~after the date the convicting court denies the previous petition,~~  
 4 ~~unless the court specifies an earlier date for filing another~~  
 5 ~~petition in the order denying the petition.~~

6 ~~(7) An application under subsection (4) may be filed at any~~  
 7 ~~time following the date of the conviction to be set aside. A person~~  
 8 ~~may apply to have more than 1 conviction set aside under subsection~~  
 9 ~~(4).~~

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

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

14 ~~(b) A certified record of each conviction that is to be set~~  
 15 ~~aside.~~

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

21 ~~(d) A statement listing all actions enumerated in subsection~~  
 22 ~~(2) that were initiated against the applicant and have been~~  
 23 ~~dismissed.~~

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

27 ~~(f) A statement as to whether the applicant has any other~~  
 28 ~~criminal charge pending against him or her in any court in the~~  
 29 ~~United States or in any other country.~~



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

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

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

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

29       ~~(11) A copy of the application shall be served upon the~~



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

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

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

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

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



1           (4) ~~(16)~~ As used in this section ~~act~~:

2           (a) "Assaultive crime" ~~means that term as defined in section~~  
3 ~~9a of chapter X of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL~~  
4 ~~770.9a.~~ **includes any of the following:**

5           (i) A violation described in section 9a of chapter X of the  
6 code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 770.9a.

7           (ii) A violation of chapter XI of the Michigan penal code, 1931  
8 PA 328, MCL 750.81 to 750.90h, not otherwise included in  
9 subparagraph (i) .

10           (iii) A violation of section 110a, 136b, 234a, 234b, 234c, 349b,  
11 or 411h(2) (a) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
12 750.110a, 750.136b, 750.234a, 750.234b, 750.234c, 750.349b, or  
13 750.411h, or any other violent felony.

14           (iv) A violation of a law of another state or of a political  
15 subdivision of this state or of another state that substantially  
16 corresponds to a violation described in subparagraph (i) , (ii) , or  
17 (iii) .

18           (b) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section  
19 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

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

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

25           (ii) For purposes of identifying a prior offense, felony means  
26 a violation of a penal law of this state, of another state, or of  
27 the United States that is punishable by imprisonment for more than  
28 1 year or is designated by law to be a felony.





1 (d) "Human trafficking violation" means a violation of chapter  
2 LXVIIIA of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to  
3 750.462h, **or of former section 462i or 462j of that act.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (g) "Operating while intoxicated" means a violation of any of  
23 the following:

24 (i) Section 625 or 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA  
25 300, MCL 257.625 and 257.625m.

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

28 (iii) A law of an Indian tribe substantially corresponding to a



1 violation listed in subparagraph (i).

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

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

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

9 (i) "Victim" means that term as defined in sections 2, 31, and  
10 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act, 1985  
11 PA 87, MCL 780.752, 780.781, and 780.811.

12 (j) **"Violent felony" means that term as defined in section 36**  
13 **of the corrections code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.236.**

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days  
15 after the date it is enacted into law.

16 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
17 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
18 enacted into law:

19 (a) House Bill No. 4980.

20 (b) House Bill No. 4981.

21 (c) House Bill No. 4982.

22 (d) House Bill No. 4983.

23 (e) House Bill No. 4985.

24 (f) House Bill No. 5120.

