

Senate Bill 397

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SUMMARY

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Allows person arrested for state or municipal traffic offense to have arrest record expunged in certain circumstances.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to setting aside arrests for traffic offenses; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 137.225.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 137.225 is amended to read:

6 137.225. (1)(a) At any time after the lapse of three years from the date of pronouncement of
7 judgment, any defendant who has fully complied with and performed the sentence of the court and
8 whose conviction is described in subsection (5) of this section by motion may apply to the court
9 where the conviction was entered for entry of an order setting aside the conviction; or

10 (b) At any time after the lapse of one year from the date of any arrest, if no accusatory in-
11 strument was filed, or at any time after an acquittal or a dismissal of the charge, the arrested per-
12 son may apply to the court that would have jurisdiction over the crime for which the person was
13 arrested, for entry of an order setting aside the record of the arrest. For the purpose of computing
14 the one-year period, time during which the arrested person has secreted himself or herself within
15 or without the state is not included.

16 (2)(a) A copy of the motion and a full set of the defendant's fingerprints shall be served upon
17 the office of the prosecuting attorney who prosecuted the crime or violation, or who had authority
18 to prosecute the charge if there was no accusatory instrument filed, and opportunity shall be given
19 to contest the motion. The fingerprint card with the notation "motion for setting aside conviction,"
20 or "motion for setting aside arrest record" as the case may be, shall be forwarded to the Department
21 of State Police bureau of criminal identification. Information resulting from the fingerprint search
22 along with the fingerprint card shall be returned to the prosecuting attorney.

23 (b) When a prosecuting attorney is served with a copy of a motion to set aside a conviction
24 under this section, the prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of the motion and notice of the
25 hearing date to the victim, if any, of the crime by mailing a copy of the motion and notice to the
26 victim's last-known address.

27 (c) When a person makes a motion under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person must pay
28 a fee of \$80. The person shall attach a certified check payable to the Department of State Police in
29 the amount of \$80 to the fingerprint card that is served upon the prosecuting attorney. The office
30 of the prosecuting attorney shall forward the check with the fingerprint card to the Department of
31 State Police bureau of criminal identification.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (3) Upon hearing the motion, the court may require the filing of such affidavits and may require
2 the taking of such proofs as it deems proper. The court shall allow the victim to make a statement
3 at the hearing. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (11) of this section, if the court deter-
4 mines that the circumstances and behavior of the applicant from the date of conviction, or from the
5 date of arrest as the case may be, to the date of the hearing on the motion warrant setting aside
6 the conviction, or the arrest record as the case may be, it shall enter an appropriate order that shall
7 state the original arrest charge and the conviction charge, if any and if different from the original,
8 date of charge, submitting agency and disposition. The order shall further state that positive iden-
9 tification has been established by the bureau and further identified as to state bureau number or
10 submitting agency number. Upon the entry of the order, the applicant for purposes of the law shall
11 be deemed not to have been previously convicted, or arrested as the case may be, and the court
12 shall issue an order sealing the record of conviction and other official records in the case, including
13 the records of arrest whether or not the arrest resulted in a further criminal proceeding.

14 (4) The clerk of the court shall forward a certified copy of the order to such agencies as directed
15 by the court. A certified copy must be sent to the Department of Corrections when the person has
16 been in the custody of the Department of Corrections. Upon entry of the order, the conviction, ar-
17 rest or other proceeding shall be deemed not to have occurred, and the applicant may answer ac-
18 cordingly any questions relating to its occurrence.

19 (5) The provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section apply to a conviction of:

20 (a) A Class C felony, except for criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205
21 when it would constitute child abuse, as defined in ORS 419B.005, or any sex crime.

22 (b) The crime of possession of the narcotic drug marijuana when that crime was punishable as
23 a felony only.

24 (c) A crime punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor, in the discretion of the court, except
25 for:

26 (A) Any sex crime; and

27 (B) The following crimes when they would constitute child abuse as defined in ORS 419B.005:

28 (i) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205; and

29 (ii) Endangering the welfare of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a).

30 (d) A misdemeanor, including a violation of a municipal ordinance, for which a jail sentence may
31 be imposed, except for endangering the welfare of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a) when it would
32 constitute child abuse, as defined in ORS 419B.005, or any sex crime.

33 (e) A violation, whether under state law or local ordinance.

34 (f) An offense committed before January 1, 1972, that if committed after that date would be:

35 (A) A Class C felony, except for any sex crime or for the following crimes when they would
36 constitute child abuse as defined in ORS 419B.005:

37 (i) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205; and

38 (ii) Endangering the welfare of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a).

39 (B) A crime punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor, in the discretion of the court, ex-
40 cept for any sex crime or for the following crimes when they would constitute child abuse as defined
41 in ORS 419B.005:

42 (i) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205; and

43 (ii) Endangering the welfare of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a).

44 (C) A misdemeanor, except for endangering the welfare of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a)
45 when it would constitute child abuse, as defined in ORS 419B.005, or any sex crime.

1 (D) A violation.

2 (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the provisions of subsection (1) of this section
3 do not apply to:

4 (a) [A person convicted of, or arrested for,] **A conviction for** a state or municipal traffic offense.

5 (b) A person convicted, within the 10-year period immediately preceding the filing of the motion
6 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, of any other offense, excluding motor vehicle violations,
7 whether or not the other conviction is for conduct associated with the same criminal episode that
8 caused the arrest or conviction that is sought to be set aside. Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this
9 section, a conviction that has been set aside under this section shall be considered for the purpose
10 of determining whether this paragraph is applicable.

11 (c) A person who at the time the motion authorized by subsection (1) of this section is pending
12 before the court is under charge of commission of any crime.

13 (7) The provisions of subsection (1)(b) of this section do not apply to:

14 (a) A person arrested within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of the mo-
15 tion for any offense, excluding motor vehicle violations, and excluding arrests for conduct associated
16 with the same criminal episode that caused the arrest that is sought to be set aside.

17 (b) **An arrest for driving while under the influence of intoxicants if the charge is dis-**
18 **missed as a result of the person's successful completion of a diversion agreement described**
19 **in ORS 813.200.**

20 (8) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to convictions and arrests that occurred
21 before, as well as those that occurred after, September 9, 1971. There is no time limit for making
22 an application.

23 (9) For purposes of any civil action in which truth is an element of a claim for relief or affir-
24 mative defense, the provisions of subsection (3) of this section providing that the conviction, arrest
25 or other proceeding be deemed not to have occurred do not apply and a party may apply to the
26 court for an order requiring disclosure of the official records in the case as may be necessary in the
27 interest of justice.

28 (10) Upon motion of any prosecutor or defendant in a case involving records sealed under this
29 section, supported by affidavit showing good cause, the court with jurisdiction may order the reo-
30 pening and disclosure of any records sealed under this section for the limited purpose of assisting
31 the investigation of the movant. However, such an order has no other effect on the orders setting
32 aside the conviction or the arrest record.

33 (11) Unless the court makes written findings by clear and convincing evidence that granting the
34 motion would not be in the best interests of justice, the court shall grant the motion and enter an
35 order as provided in subsection (3) of this section if the defendant has been convicted of one of the
36 following crimes and is otherwise eligible for relief under this section:

37 (a) Abandonment of a child, ORS 163.535.

38 (b) Attempted assault in the second degree, ORS 163.175.

39 (c) Assault in the third degree, ORS 163.165.

40 (d) Coercion, ORS 163.275.

41 (e) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree, ORS 163.205.

42 (f) Attempted escape in the first degree, ORS 162.165.

43 (g) Incest, ORS 163.525, if the victim was at least 18 years of age.

44 (h) Intimidation in the first degree, ORS 166.165.

45 (i) Attempted kidnapping in the second degree, ORS 163.225.

- 1 (j) Criminally negligent homicide, ORS 163.145.
- 2 (k) Attempted robbery in the second degree, ORS 164.405.
- 3 (L) Robbery in the third degree, ORS 164.395.
- 4 (m) Supplying contraband, ORS 162.185.
- 5 (n) Unlawful use of a weapon, ORS 166.220.
- 6 (12) As used in this section, "sex crime" has the meaning given that term in ORS 181.594.
- 7 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 137.225 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to**
- 8 **motions filed under ORS 137.225 on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**
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