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SUMMARY

Removes prohibition of filing motion to set aside conviction for person committing certain offenses within previous 10 years.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to order setting aside conviction; amending ORS 137.225.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 137.225 is amended to read:

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

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

(2)(a) A copy of the motion and a full set of the defendant's fingerprints shall be served upon the office of the prosecuting attorney who prosecuted the crime or violation, or who had authority to prosecute the charge if there was no accusatory instrument filed, and opportunity shall be given to contest the motion. The fingerprint card with the notation "motion for setting aside

1 conviction,” or “motion for setting aside arrest record” as the case may be,
2 shall be forwarded to the Department of State Police. Information resulting
3 from the fingerprint search along with the fingerprint card shall be returned
4 to the prosecuting attorney.

5 (b) When a prosecuting attorney is served with a copy of a motion to set
6 aside a conviction under this section, the prosecuting attorney shall provide
7 a copy of the motion and notice of the hearing date to the victim, if any, of
8 the crime by mailing a copy of the motion and notice to the victim’s last-
9 known address.

10 (c) When a person makes a motion under subsection (1)(a) of this section,
11 the person must pay a fee of \$80 to the Department of State Police. The
12 person shall attach a certified check payable to the Department of State
13 Police in the amount of \$80 to the fingerprint card that is served upon the
14 prosecuting attorney. The office of the prosecuting attorney shall forward
15 the check with the fingerprint card to the Department of State Police.

16 (d) In addition to the fee established under paragraph (c) of this sub-
17 section, when a person makes a motion under subsection (1)(a) of this section
18 the person must pay the filing fee established under ORS 21.135.

19 (3) Upon hearing the motion, the court may require the filing of such af-
20 fidavits and may require the taking of such proofs as the court deems proper.
21 The court shall allow the victim to make a statement at the hearing. Except
22 as otherwise provided in subsection (13) of this section, if the court deter-
23 mines that the circumstances and behavior of the applicant from the date
24 of conviction, or from the date of arrest as the case may be, to the date of
25 the hearing on the motion warrant setting aside the conviction, or the arrest
26 record as the case may be, the court shall enter an appropriate order that
27 shall state the original arrest charge and the conviction charge, if any and
28 if different from the original, date of charge, submitting agency and disposi-
29 tion. The order shall further state that positive identification has been es-
30 tablished by the Department of State Police and further identified as to
31 Department of State Police number or submitting agency number. Upon the

1 entry of the order, the applicant for purposes of the law shall be deemed not
2 to have been previously convicted, or arrested as the case may be, and the
3 court shall issue an order sealing the record of conviction and other official
4 records in the case, including the records of arrest whether or not the arrest
5 resulted in a further criminal proceeding.

6 (4) The clerk of the court shall forward a certified copy of the order to
7 such agencies as directed by the court. A certified copy must be sent to the
8 Department of Corrections when the person has been in the custody of the
9 Department of Corrections. Upon entry of the order, the conviction, arrest
10 or other proceeding shall be deemed not to have occurred, and the applicant
11 may answer accordingly any questions relating to its occurrence.

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

14 (a) A Class B felony, except for a violation of ORS 166.429 or any crime
15 classified as a person felony as that term is defined in the rules of the
16 Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

17 (b) A Class C felony, except for criminal mistreatment in the first degree
18 under ORS 163.205 when it would constitute child abuse as defined in ORS
19 419B.005 or any sex crime.

20 (c) The crime of possession of the narcotic drug marijuana when that
21 crime was punishable as a felony only.

22 (d) A crime punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor, in the dis-
23 cretion of the court, except for:

24 (A) Any sex crime; or

25 (B) The following crimes when they would constitute child abuse as de-
26 fined in ORS 419B.005:

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

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

29 (e) A misdemeanor, including a violation of a municipal ordinance, for
30 which a jail sentence may be imposed, except for endangering the welfare
31 of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a) when it would constitute child abuse as

1 defined in ORS 419B.005 or any sex crime.

2 (f) A violation, whether under state law or local ordinance.

3 (g) An offense committed before January 1, 1972, that if committed after
4 that date would be:

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

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

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

9 (B) A crime punishable as either a felony or a misdemeanor, in the dis-
10 cretion of the court, except for any sex crime or for the following crimes
11 when they would constitute child abuse as defined in ORS 419B.005:

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

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

14 (C) A misdemeanor, except for endangering the welfare of a minor under
15 ORS 163.575 (1)(a) when it would constitute child abuse as defined in ORS
16 419B.005 or any sex crime.

17 (D) A violation.

18 (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the provisions of sub-
19 section (1) of this section do not apply to:

20 (a) A conviction for a state or municipal traffic offense.

21 (b) A person convicted, within the 10-year period immediately preceding
22 the filing of the motion pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, of any
23 other offense, excluding motor vehicle violations, **a violation for possession**
24 **of less than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana and offenses described**
25 **in ORS 471.430**, whether or not the other conviction is for conduct associ-
26 ated with the same criminal episode that caused the arrest or conviction that
27 is sought to be set aside. Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a
28 conviction that has been set aside under this section shall be considered for
29 the purpose of determining whether this paragraph is applicable.

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

1 crime.

2 (7) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the provisions of sub-
3 section (1)(a) of this section do not apply to:

4 (a) Criminal mistreatment in the second degree under ORS 163.200 if the
5 victim at the time of the crime was 65 years of age or older.

6 (b) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205 if the
7 victim at the time of the crime was 65 years of age or older.

8 (c) Criminally negligent homicide under ORS 163.145, when that offense
9 was punishable as a Class C felony.

10 (8) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the provisions of sub-
11 section (1)(a) of this section apply to a conviction for:

12 (a) A Class B felony described in subsection (5)(a) of this section only if:

13 (A) Twenty years or more have elapsed from the date of the conviction
14 sought to be set aside or of the release of the person from imprisonment for
15 the conviction sought to be set aside, whichever is later; and

16 (B) The person has not been convicted of or arrested for any other of-
17 fense, excluding motor vehicle violations, after the date the person was
18 convicted of the offense sought to be set aside. Notwithstanding subsection
19 (1) of this section, a conviction or arrest that has been set aside under this
20 section shall be considered for the purpose of determining whether this sub-
21 paragraph is applicable.

22 (b) A sex crime listed in ORS 181.830 (1)(a) if:

23 (A) The person has been relieved of the obligation to report as a sex
24 offender pursuant to a court order entered under ORS 181.832 or 181.833; and

25 (B) The person has not been convicted of, found guilty except for insanity
26 of or found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court based on, a
27 crime that a court is prohibited from setting aside under this section.

28 (c) A sex crime constituting a Class C felony, if:

29 (A) The person was under 16 years of age at the time of the offense;

30 (B) The person is less than three years older than the victim;

31 (C) The victim's lack of consent was due solely to incapacity to consent

1 by reason of being less than a specified age;

2 (D) The victim was at least 12 years of age at the time of the offense;

3 (E) The person has not been convicted of, found guilty except for insanity
4 of or found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court based on a
5 crime that a court is prohibited from setting aside under this section; and

6 (F) Each conviction or finding described in this paragraph involved the
7 same victim.

8 (9) The provisions of subsection (1)(b) of this section do not apply to:

9 (a) A person arrested within the three-year period immediately preceding
10 the filing of the motion for any offense, excluding motor vehicle violations,
11 and excluding arrests for conduct associated with the same criminal episode
12 that caused the arrest that is sought to be set aside. An arrest that has been
13 set aside under this section may not be considered for the purpose of deter-
14 mining whether this paragraph is applicable.

15 (b) An arrest for driving while under the influence of intoxicants if the
16 charge is dismissed as a result of the person's successful completion of a
17 diversion agreement described in ORS 813.200.

18 (10) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to convictions
19 and arrests that occurred before, as well as those that occurred after, Sep-
20 tember 9, 1971. There is no time limit for making an application.

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

27 (12) Upon motion of any prosecutor or defendant in a case involving re-
28 cords sealed under this section, supported by affidavit showing good cause,
29 the court with jurisdiction may order the reopening and disclosure of any
30 records sealed under this section for the limited purpose of assisting the in-
31 vestigation of the movant. However, such an order has no other effect on the

1 orders setting aside the conviction or the arrest record.

2 (13) Unless the court makes written findings by clear and convincing ev-
3 idence that granting the motion would not be in the best interests of justice,
4 the court shall grant the motion and enter an order as provided in subsection
5 (3) of this section if the defendant has been convicted of one of the following
6 crimes and is otherwise eligible for relief under this section:

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

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

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

10 (d) Coercion, ORS 163.275.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (j) Attempted robbery in the second degree, ORS 164.405.

17 (k) Robbery in the third degree, ORS 164.395.

18 (L) Supplying contraband, ORS 162.185.

19 (m) Unlawful use of a weapon, ORS 166.220.

20 (14) As used in this section, "sex crime" has the meaning given that term
21 in ORS 181.805.

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