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Senate Bill No. 28

(By Mr. BOETTNER)

[Passed March 10, 1984; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article eleven, chapter sixty-one, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-five, relating to the expungement of misdemeanor convictions from the official record after five years; conditions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article eleven, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-five, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 11. GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING CRIMES.

§61-11-25. Expungement of criminal record.

- 1 Whenever any person who has previously been con-
- 2 victed of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this
- 3 chapter makes proper application to the circuit court
- 4 of the county in which the conviction was had, the court
- 5 may order that such misdemeanor conviction be expunged
- 6 from the official record, if the court finds that more than
- 7 five years have passed since such conviction, that the
- 8 applicant has fulfilled all of the terms and conditions im-
- 9 posed by such conviction, that such conviction is not a
- 10 basis for an increased or different penalty upon a second

22 made of him for any purpose.

or subsequent conviction for the same or another offense and that applicant has not been found guilty of or pleaded guilty to any other misdemeanor or felony within the intervening five-year period. The effect of such expungement shall be to restore such person in contemplation of law to the status he occupied prior to such conviction. No person as to whom such expungement has been effected shall be thereafter held to be guilty of perjury, false swearing, or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to disclose or acknowledge such conviction, or the arrest and trial for same, in response to any inquiry

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