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**An Act to Remove the Age-related Statutory Prerequisite for
Sealing Criminal History Record Information**

Reported by Representative MOONEN of Portland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 103, section 7.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 218.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §2262, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 674, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **4. Convictions in another jurisdiction.** The person has not been convicted of a crime
5 in another jurisdiction since the time at which the person fully satisfied each of the
6 sentencing alternatives imposed under Title 17-A, section 1502, subsection 2 for the
7 person's most recent eligible criminal conviction up until the time of the order; and

8 **Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §2262, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 674, §1, is amended to
9 read:

10 **5. Pending criminal charges.** The person does not have any presently pending
11 criminal charges in this State or in another jurisdiction; ~~and~~

12 **Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §2262, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 674, §1, is repealed.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to
15 Resolve 2023, chapter 103. It implements a recommendation of the Criminal Records
16 Review Committee reestablished by Resolve 2023, chapter 103. The bill removes the
17 requirement that a person had in fact attained 18 years of age but had not attained 28 years
18 of age at the time of the commission of a crime to qualify to have the person's criminal
19 history record information sealed under a post-judgment motion.