
By Mr. Kaplan of Brookline, petition of Sumner Z. Kaplan relative to restricting the use of records of persons convicted of misdemeanors. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT LIMITING THE PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN WHICH A RECORD OF THE CONVICTION OF A PERSON OF A MISDEANOR MAY BE USED.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for limit-
3 ing the period of time within which a record of the convic-
4 tion of a person of a misdemeanor may be used, therefore
5 it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for
6 the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 279 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 4A the following section:—
3 *Section 4B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of section
4 four A or of any other provision of general or special law to
5 the contrary, no record of the conviction of any person of
6 a misdemeanor shall be issued or disclosed for any purpose
7 whatsoever after the expiration of ten years from the date
8 thereof, unless the person so convicted has been subsequently
9 convicted of a crime within said ten-year period.

