

By Mr. Saggese of Winthrop, petition of Alfred Saggese, Jr., that provision be made for expunging certain criminal records. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS.

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

1 Section 100C of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 322 of the acts of 1973, is hereby
3 further amended by adding at the end thereof the following
4 paragraph:— If any criminal case wherein a defendant has had
5 a complaint or indictment continued without a finding for a
6 specified period of time and then dismissed, the court shall order
7 all official records relating to such arrest, complaint, indictment,
8 continuance and dismissal to be expunged; provided, however,
9 that department records maintained by police and other law
10 enforcement agencies which are not public records shall not be
11 expunged. No person as to whom such expungement has been
12 ordered shall be held thereafter under any provisions of any law
13 to be guilty of perjury or otherwise making a false statement by
14 reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest,
15 complaint, indictment, continuance, dismissal or expungement
16 or any other related court proceeding, in response to any inquiry
17 made of him for any purpose.

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