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Ford Passes HB 2367 to Expunge Cannabis Convictions

CHICAGO- State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, passed through the Illinois House of Representatives House Bill 2367 that will allow expungement of cannabis convictions for criminal offenses that did not result in bodily harm or death to another person. HB 2367 allows those convicted of marijuana possession prior to the state's 2016 decriminalization law to petition a circuit court for expungement of their criminal record.

"We would like to put people to work in Illinois and not have them worry about a conviction that probably shouldn't have been a felony in the first place", said Ford. "HB 2367 will allow those with a non-violent cannabis offense to now be able to obtain a good job and support their family."

Before 2016, anyone caught in possession of fewer than 10 grams of marijuana could face jail time. Since the change in the state law, those offenses are now civil infractions rather than criminal offenses.

Specifically, HB 2367 allows that a petitioner may petition the circuit court to expunge records of a conviction or plea of guilty for an offense under subsection (a) of Section 4 of the Cannabis Control Act or subsection (c) of Section 3.5 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act before July 29, 2016, (the effective date of Public Act 99-697) if 3 years or more have passed since the petitioner has completed his or her sentence.

Now the bill moves to the Illinois Senate for consideration.

[Learn More About HB2367 Here](#)

Ford represents the Eighth District, which contains parts of Chicago's Austin neighborhood and portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, La Grange Park, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact Rep. Ford's district office at 773-378-5902 or visit www.LaShawnFord.com.

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