

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2492

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “courts” insert “; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
2 137.225”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 137.225, as amended by section 55, chapter 70, Oregon Laws 2024, is
5 amended to read:

6 “137.225. (1)(a) At any time after the person becomes eligible as described in paragraph (b) of
7 this subsection, any person convicted of an offense, **or found in contempt of court**, who has fully
8 complied with and performed the sentence of the court for the offense **or contempt finding**, and
9 whose conviction **or finding** is described in subsection (5) of this section, by motion may apply to
10 the court where the conviction **or finding** was entered for entry of an order setting aside the con-
11 viction **or finding**. A person who is still under supervision as part of the sentence for the offense
12 that is the subject of the motion has not fully complied with or performed the sentence of the court.

13 “(b) A person is eligible to file a motion under paragraph (a) of this subsection:

14 “(A) For a Class B felony, seven years from the date of conviction or the release of the person
15 from imprisonment for the conviction sought to be set aside, whichever is later.

16 “(B) For a Class C felony **or a finding of a person in contempt of court for violating an**
17 **order related to abuse or a person crime**, five years from the date of conviction **or finding**, or
18 the release of the person from imprisonment for the conviction **or finding** sought to be set aside,
19 whichever is later.

20 “(C) For a Class A misdemeanor, three years from the date of conviction or the release of the
21 person from imprisonment for the conviction sought to be set aside, whichever is later.

22 “(D) For a Class B or Class C misdemeanor, a violation or *[the]* **a** finding of a person in contempt
23 of court **not described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph**, one year from the date of con-
24 viction or finding, or the release of the person from imprisonment for the conviction or finding
25 sought to be set aside, whichever is later.

26 “(c) If no accusatory instrument is filed, at any time after 60 days from the date the prosecuting
27 attorney indicates that the state has elected not to proceed with a prosecution or contempt pro-
28 ceeding, an arrested, cited or charged person may apply to the court in the county in which the
29 person was arrested, cited or charged, for entry of an order setting aside the record of the arrest,
30 citation or charge.

31 “(d) At any time after an acquittal or a dismissal other than a dismissal described in paragraph
32 (c) of this subsection, an arrested, cited or charged person may apply to the court in the county in
33 which the person was arrested, cited or charged, for entry of an order setting aside the record of
34 the arrest, citation or charge.

35 “(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, a person whose sentence of probation was

1 revoked may not apply to the court for entry of an order setting aside the conviction **or finding** for
2 which the person was sentenced to probation for a period of three years from the date of revocation
3 or until the person becomes eligible as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection, whichever oc-
4 curs later.

5 “(f) If the offense classification of a conviction has been reduced by the court, the appli-
6 cable time period under paragraph (b) of this subsection is the time period associated with
7 the reduced offense classification, calculated from the date of conviction or the release of
8 the person from imprisonment for the conviction sought to be set aside, whichever is later.

9 “[f)] (g) A person filing a motion under this section is not required to pay the filing fee estab-
10 lished under ORS 21.135.

11 “(2)(a) A copy of the motion shall be served upon the office of the prosecuting attorney who
12 prosecuted the offense **or charge of contempt**, or who had authority to prosecute the charge if
13 there was no accusatory instrument filed. The prosecuting attorney may object to a motion filed
14 under subsection (1)(a) of this section and shall notify the court and the person of the objection
15 within 120 days of the date the motion was filed with the court.

16 “(b) When a prosecuting attorney is served with a copy of a motion to set aside a conviction
17 **or finding** under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of
18 the motion and notice of the hearing date to the victim, if any, *[of the offense]* by mailing a copy of
19 the motion and notice to the victim’s last-known address.

20 “(c) When a person makes a motion under this section, the person shall forward to the Depart-
21 ment of State Police a full set of the person’s fingerprints on a fingerprint card or in any other
22 manner specified by the department.

23 “(d) When a person makes a motion under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person must pay
24 a fee to the Department of State Police for the purpose of the department performing a criminal
25 record check. The department shall establish a fee in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of
26 performing the criminal record check. If the department is required to perform only one criminal
27 record check for the person, the department may only charge one fee, regardless of the number of
28 counties in which the person is filing a motion to set aside a conviction, **finding**, arrest, charge or
29 citation under this section. The department shall provide a copy of the results of the criminal record
30 check to the prosecuting attorney.

31 “(e) The prosecuting attorney may not charge the person a fee for performing the requirements
32 described in this section.

33 “(3)(a) If an objection is received to a motion filed under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the
34 court shall hold a hearing, and may require the filing of such affidavits and may require the taking
35 of such proofs as the court deems proper. The court shall allow the victim to make a statement at
36 the hearing. If the person is otherwise eligible for relief under this section, the court shall grant the
37 motion and enter an order as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection unless the court makes
38 written findings, by clear and convincing evidence, that the circumstances and behavior of the per-
39 son, from the date of the conviction **or finding** the person is seeking to set aside to the date of the
40 hearing on the motion, do not warrant granting the motion due to the circumstances and behavior
41 creating a risk to public safety. When determining whether the person’s circumstances and behavior
42 create a risk to public safety, the court may only consider criminal behavior, or violations of regu-
43 latory law or administrative rule enforced by civil penalty or other administrative sanction that
44 relate to the character of the conviction **or finding** sought to be set aside. The court may not con-
45 sider nonpunitive civil liability, monetary obligations and motor vehicle violations. Upon granting

1 the motion, the court shall enter an appropriate order containing the original arrest or citation
2 charge, the conviction charge, if different from the original, the date of charge, the submitting
3 agency and the disposition of the charge. Upon the entry of the order, the person for purposes of
4 the law shall be deemed not to have been previously convicted, and the court shall issue an order
5 sealing the record of conviction and other official records in the case, including the records of ar-
6 rest, citation or charge.

7 “(b) The court shall grant a motion filed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section, or under
8 subsection (1)(a) of this section if no objection to the motion is received, and shall enter an appro-
9 priate order containing the original arrest or citation charge, the conviction charge, if applicable
10 and different from the original, the date of charge, the submitting agency and the disposition of the
11 charge. Upon the entry of the order, the person for purposes of the law shall be deemed not to have
12 been previously convicted, arrested, cited or charged, and the court shall issue an order sealing all
13 official records in the case, including the records of arrest, citation or charge, whether or not the
14 arrest, citation or charge resulted in a further criminal proceeding.

15 “(4) The clerk of the court shall forward a certified copy of the order to such agencies as di-
16 rected by the court. A certified copy must be sent to the Department of Corrections when the order
17 concerns a conviction. Upon entry of the order, the conviction, arrest, citation, charge or other
18 proceeding shall be deemed not to have occurred, and the person may answer accordingly any
19 questions relating to its occurrence.

20 “(5) The provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this section apply to [*a conviction for*] **the following**
21 **convictions and findings:**

22 “(a) A Class B felony, except for a violation of ORS 166.429 or any crime classified as a person
23 felony as defined in the rules of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

24 “(b) Any misdemeanor, Class C felony or felony punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to ORS
25 161.705.

26 “(c) An offense constituting a violation under state law or local ordinance.

27 “(d) An offense committed before January 1, 1972, that, if committed after that date, would
28 qualify for an order under this section.

29 “(e) The finding of a person in contempt of court.

30 “(6) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this
31 section do not apply to a conviction for:

32 “(a) Criminal mistreatment in the second degree under ORS 163.200 if the victim at the time of
33 the crime was 65 years of age or older.

34 “(b) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205 if the victim at the time of the
35 crime was 65 years of age or older, or when the offense constitutes child abuse as defined in ORS
36 419B.005.

37 “(c) Endangering the welfare of a minor under ORS 163.575 (1)(a), when the offense constitutes
38 child abuse as defined in ORS 419B.005.

39 “(d) Criminally negligent homicide under ORS 163.145, when that offense was punishable as a
40 Class C felony.

41 “(e) Assault in the third degree under ORS 163.165 (1)(h).

42 “(f) Any sex crime, unless:

43 “(A) The sex crime is listed in ORS 163A.140 (1)(a) and:

44 “(i) The person has been relieved of the obligation to report as a sex offender pursuant to a
45 court order entered under ORS 163A.145 or 163A.150; and

1 “(ii) The person has not been convicted of, found guilty except for insanity of or found to be
2 within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court based on a crime for which the court is prohibited from
3 setting aside the conviction under this section; or

4 “(B) The sex crime constitutes a Class C felony and:

5 “(i) The person was under 16 years of age at the time of the offense;

6 “(ii) The person is:

7 “(I) Less than two years and 180 days older than the victim; or

8 “(II) At least two years and 180 days older, but less than three years and 180 days older, than
9 the victim and the court finds that setting aside the conviction is in the interests of justice and of
10 benefit to the person and the community;

11 “(iii) The victim’s lack of consent was due solely to incapacity to consent by reason of being less
12 than a specified age;

13 “(iv) The victim was at least 12 years of age at the time of the offense;

14 “(v) The person has not been convicted of, found guilty except for insanity of or found to be
15 within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court based on a crime for which the court is prohibited from
16 setting aside the conviction under this section; and

17 “(vi) Each conviction or finding described in this subparagraph involved the same victim.

18 “(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this
19 section do not apply to:

20 “[a)] (A) A conviction for a state or municipal traffic offense.

21 “[b)] (B) A person convicted[, *within the following applicable time period immediately preceding*
22 *the filing of the motion pursuant to subsection (1) of this section,*] of any other offense, excluding mo-
23 tor vehicle violations and unlawful possession of a controlled substance constituting a drug
24 enforcement misdemeanor as described in section 35, chapter 70, Oregon Laws 2024, **or found in**
25 **contempt of court for violating an order related to abuse or a person crime, within the fol-**
26 **lowing applicable time period immediately preceding the filing of the motion pursuant to**
27 **subsection (1)(a) of this section,** whether or not the other conviction is for conduct associated
28 with the same criminal episode that caused the [*arrest, citation, charge or*] conviction, **or with the**
29 **same course of conduct that caused the finding,** that is sought to be set aside:

30 “[(A)] (i) For a motion concerning a Class B felony, seven years.

31 “[(B)] (ii) For a motion concerning a Class C felony **or a finding of a person in contempt of**
32 **court for violating an order related to abuse or a person crime,** five years.

33 “[(C)] (iii) For a motion concerning a Class A misdemeanor, three years.

34 “[(D)] (iv) For a motion concerning a Class B or Class C misdemeanor a violation or a finding
35 of contempt of court **not described in sub-subparagraph (ii) of this subparagraph,** one year.

36 “(C) **A person who at the time the motion described in this section is pending before the**
37 **court is under charge of commission of any crime or contempt of court for violating an order**
38 **related to abuse or a person crime.**

39 “[c)] (b) A single violation, other than a motor vehicle violation, within the time period speci-
40 fied in paragraph [(b)] (a)(B) of this subsection is not a conviction under this subsection.
41 Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a conviction that has been set aside under this sec-
42 tion shall be considered for the purpose of determining whether paragraph [(b)] (a)(B) of this sub-
43 section is applicable.

44 “[d) *A person who at the time the motion authorized by subsection (1) of this section is pending*
45 *before the court is under charge of commission of any crime.*]

1 “(8) The provisions of subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section do not apply to:

2 “(a) An arrest or citation for driving while under the influence of intoxicants if the charge is
3 dismissed as a result of the person’s successful completion of a diversion agreement described in
4 ORS 813.200.

5 “(b) **The dismissal of a citation for a traffic violation.**

6 “(c) **A person who at the time the motion described in this section is pending before the**
7 **court is under charge of commission of any crime or contempt of court for violating an order**
8 **related to abuse or a person crime.**

9 “(9) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to convictions, **findings**, arrests, ci-
10 tations and charges that occurred before, as well as those that occurred after, September 9, 1971.
11 There is no time limit for making an application.

12 “(10) For purposes of any civil action in which truth is an element of a claim for relief or af-
13 firmative defense, the provisions of subsection (3) of this section providing that the conviction,
14 **finding**, arrest, citation, charge or other proceeding be deemed not to have occurred do not apply
15 and a party may apply to the court for an order requiring disclosure of the official records in the
16 case as may be necessary in the interest of justice.

17 “(11)(a) Upon motion of any prosecutor or defendant in a case involving records sealed under
18 this section, supported by affidavit showing good cause, the court with jurisdiction may order the
19 reopening and disclosure of any records sealed under this section for the limited purpose of assisting
20 the investigation of the movant. However, such an order has no other effect on the orders setting
21 aside the conviction **or finding**, or the arrest, citation or charge record.

22 “(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, when an arrest, citation or charge de-
23 scribed in subsection (1)(c) of this section is set aside, a prosecuting attorney may, for the purpose
24 of initiating a criminal proceeding within the statute of limitations, unseal the records sealed under
25 this section by notifying the court with jurisdiction over the charge, record of arrest or citation.
26 The prosecuting attorney shall notify the person who is the subject of the records of the unsealing
27 under this paragraph by sending written notification to the person’s last known address.

28 “(12) The State Court Administrator shall create forms to be used throughout the state for
29 motions and proposed orders described in this section.

30 “(13) As used in this section:

31 “(a) ‘Affidavit’ includes a declaration under penalty of perjury.

32 “(b) **‘Order related to abuse or a person crime’ means:**

33 “(A) **A court order issued under ORS 107.095 (1)(c) or (d), 107.700 to 107.735, 124.005 to**
34 **124.040, 133.035, 135.247 or 163.760 to 163.777; or**

35 “(B) **A court order arising from a criminal case involving:**

36 “(i) **A sex crime;**

37 “(ii) **Stalking under ORS 163.732; or**

38 “(iii) **A person felony or person Class A misdemeanor, as those terms are defined in the**
39 **rules of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, committed against the person’s family or**
40 **household member as defined in ORS 135.230.**

41 “[b)] (c) ‘Sex crime’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 163A.005.

42 “**SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 137.225 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to**
43 **motions filed on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.”.**
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