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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5043

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS, UNFINISHED FRAMES OR UNFINISHED LOWER RECEIVERS, VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, AND REFUNDABILITY OF PERMITS FOR SALE AT RETAIL OF FIREARMS AND FOR CARRYING OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 54-142a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
5 *1, 2026*):

6 (e) (1) (A) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
7 subsection, whenever any person has been convicted in any court of this

8 state of a classified or unclassified misdemeanor offense or a motor
9 vehicle violation for which a maximum term of imprisonment of not
10 more than one year could have been imposed, or a class D or E felony
11 or an unclassified felony offense for which a maximum term of
12 imprisonment of not more than five years could have been imposed or
13 a motor vehicle violation for which a maximum term of imprisonment
14 greater than one year and not more than five years could have been
15 imposed, any police or court record and record of the state's or
16 prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting grand juror pertaining to such
17 conviction, or any record pertaining to court obligations arising from
18 such conviction held by the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall be
19 erased as follows: (i) For any classified or unclassified misdemeanor
20 offense or a motor vehicle violation for which a maximum term of
21 imprisonment of not more than one year could have been imposed,
22 except for a violation of section 14-227a, such records shall be erased
23 seven years from the date on which the court entered the convicted
24 person's most recent judgment of conviction (I) by operation of law, if
25 such offense occurred on or after January 1, 2000, or (II) upon the filing
26 of a petition on a form prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court
27 Administrator, if such offense occurred prior to January 1, 2000; and (ii)
28 for any class D or E felony, unclassified felony offense for which a
29 maximum term of imprisonment of not more than five years could have
30 been imposed or a motor vehicle violation for which a maximum term
31 of imprisonment in excess of one year and not more than five years
32 could have been imposed, or any violation of section 14-227a, such
33 records shall be erased ten years from the date on which the court
34 entered the convicted person's most recent judgment of conviction (I) by
35 operation of law, if such offense occurred on or after January 1, 2000, or
36 (II) upon the filing of a petition on a form prescribed by the Office of the
37 Chief Court Administrator, if such offense occurred prior to January 1,
38 2000.

39 (B) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the
40 classification of the offense, and the maximum sentence that could have
41 been imposed for a conviction of such offense, shall be determined

42 based on the law that was in effect at the time the offense was
43 committed.

44 (2) Convictions for the following offenses shall not be eligible for
45 erasure pursuant to this subsection:

46 (A) Any conviction, on or after January 1, 2000, designated as a family
47 violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a;

48 (B) Any conviction for an offense that is a nonviolent sexual offense
49 or a sexually violent offense, each as defined in section 54-250;

50 (C) Any conviction for a violation of section 29-33, 53a-60a, 53a-60b,
51 53a-60c, 53a-61a, 53a-64bb, 53a-64cc, 53a-72a, 53a-90a, 53a-103a, 53a-
52 181c, 53a-191, 53a-196, 53a-196d, 53a-196f, 53a-211, 53a-212, 53a-216,
53 53a-217, 53a-217a, 53a-217c, 53a-322, 53a-323, 54-251, 54-252, 54-253 or
54 54-254 or subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 53a-189a; [or]

55 (D) Any conviction for a violation of section 14-227a if the defendant
56 has been convicted for another violation of section 14-227a within the
57 ten years following such conviction; or

58 (E) On and after January 1, 2027, any conviction for a violation
59 subdivision (2) of subsection (i) of section 29-36a or section 53-202w, or
60 a violation for possession of a stolen firearm, as defined in section 53a-
61 3, or a firearm that is altered in a manner that renders the firearm
62 unlawful, or any crime of which an essential element is that the person
63 discharged, used or was armed with and threatened the use of a firearm.

64 (3) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
65 to any conviction for any offense until the defendant:

66 (A) Has completed serving any period of incarceration, parole,
67 special parole, medical parole, compassionate parole or transitional
68 supervision associated with any sentence for such offense and any other
69 offense for which the defendant has been convicted on or after January
70 1, 2000, in this state;

71 (B) Has completed serving any period of probation for any sentence
72 for any crime or crimes for which the defendant has been convicted on
73 or after January 1, 2000, in this state; and

74 (C) Is not the subject of any pending state criminal charge in this state.

75 (4) If a person has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of
76 section 21a-279 prior to October 1, 2015, such conviction shall not be
77 considered as a most recent offense when evaluating whether a
78 sufficient period of time has elapsed for an offense to qualify for erasure
79 pursuant to this subsection.

80 (5) Nothing in this subsection shall limit any other procedure for
81 erasure of criminal history record information, as defined in section 54-
82 142g, or prohibit a person from participating in any such procedure,
83 even if such person's criminal history record information has been
84 erased pursuant to this section.

85 (6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the
86 Department of Motor Vehicles to erase criminal history record
87 information on an operator's driving record. When applicable, the
88 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make such criminal history record
89 information available through the Commercial Driver's License
90 Information System.

91 (7) Nothing in this subsection shall terminate a defendant's obligation
92 to register as a person convicted of an offense committed with a deadly
93 weapon pursuant to section 54-280a, a felony for a sexual purpose
94 pursuant to section 54-254 or a criminal offense against a victim who is
95 a minor pursuant to section 54-251.

96 (8) No erasure under this subsection shall be construed to terminate
97 a defendant's obligation to abide by a standing criminal protective order
98 imposed under section 53a-40e or terminate a defendant's obligation to
99 pay any unremitted fine imposed as part of the court's sentence.

100 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of this section and the provisions

101 of section 54-142c, any record required to substantiate any defendant's
102 conviction shall be available to law enforcement, the court and the
103 state's attorney for the purpose of (A) verifying such defendant's
104 obligation to register pursuant to section 54-251, 54-254 or 54-280a and
105 prosecuting any such defendant for violating any provision of such
106 sections, and (B) verifying such defendant's obligation to abide by any
107 standing criminal protective order imposed under section 53a-40e and
108 prosecuting any such defendant for a violation of section 53a-223a."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	54-142a(e)