THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

AN ACT

| 1 2 3 4 | Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for clean slate limited access. |
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| 5 | The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania |
| 6 | hereby enacts as follows: |
| 7 | Section 1. Section 9122.2(a)(1) of Title 18 of the |
| 8 | Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is |
| 9 | amended by adding subsections to read: |
| 10 | § 9122.2. Clean slate limited access. |
| 11 | (a) General ruleThe following shall be subject to limited |
| 12 | access: |
| 13 | (1) Subject to the exceptions under section 9122.3 |
| 14 | (relating to exceptions) or if a court has vacated an order |
| 15 | for limited access under section 9122.4 (relating to order to |
| 16 | vacate order for limited access), criminal history record |
| 17 | information pertaining to a conviction of a misdemeanor of |
| 18 | the second degree, a misdemeanor of the third degree or a |

1 misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment of no more 2 than two years if a person:

3 <u>(i)</u> has been free for 10 years from conviction for any 4 offense punishable by imprisonment of one or more years and 5 if completion of each court-ordered financial obligation of 6 the sentence has occurred[.]; or

7 (ii) is a veteran who suffered from an undiagnosed
8 service-connected mental health disorder or traumatic brain
9 injury at the time of the commission of the crime and who
10 receives a diagnosis of a service-connected mental health
11 disorder or traumatic brain injury after arrest.

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13 (d) Determination of diagnosis.--The following shall apply: 14 (1) The Department of Corrections shall promulgate the 15 following:

(i) An application for limiting access to a
 veteran's criminal record under subsection (a) (1) (ii).
 (ii) Rules and regulations for accepting and

19 <u>approving an application and verifying a veteran's</u>

20 <u>diagnosis of a service-connected mental health disorder</u>

21 <u>or traumatic brain injury.</u>

22 (2) A veteran seeking to limit access to the veteran's 23 criminal record under subsection (a)(1)(ii) shall apply to

24 the Department of Corrections under paragraph (1), which

25 <u>shall include the veteran's diagnosis of a service-connected</u>

26 <u>mental health disorder or traumatic brain injury along with</u>

27 the diagnosing professional's opinion that the veteran was

28 <u>suffering from a service-connected mental health disorder or</u>

29 traumatic brain injury at the time of the commission of the

30 <u>criminal act.</u>

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| 1 | (e) DefinitionsAs used in this section, the following |
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| 2 | words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this |
| 3 | subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: |
| 4 | "Veteran." As defined under 51 Pa.C.S. § 7202 (relating to |
| 5 | definitions). |
| 6 | Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days. |