

SB 512-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

03/26/2026 1233s

2026 SESSION

26-2108

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SENATE BILL **512-FN**

AN ACT relative to fees to annul criminal records related to charges that do not result in conviction.

SPONSORS: Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. McGough, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a filing fee for certain annulments of criminal records related to arrests and charges that do not result in conviction.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT                    relative to fees to annul criminal records related to charges that do not result in conviction.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Annulment of Criminal Records. Amend RSA 651:5, II-a(a) to read as follows:

2            II-a.(a)(1) For an offense disposed of on or after January 1, 2019, any person whose arrest  
3 has resulted in a finding of not guilty on all charges that resulted from the arrest, or whose case was  
4 dismissed or not prosecuted, shall have the arrest record and court record annulled:

5                    [~~1~~] (A) Thirty days following the finding of dismissal if an appeal is not taken  
6 under RSA 606:10 or finding of not guilty; or

7                    [~~2~~] (B) Upon final determination of the appeal affirming the finding of dismissal if  
8 an appeal is taken under RSA 606:10.

9                    (2) *No filing fee shall be charged for any petition to annul brought under*  
10 *subparagraph II-a(a).*

11            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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**SB 512-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1233s)

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2027 through 2029.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Judicial Branch