



**is an automatic civil sealing bill.**

**It will seal old conviction records for civil purposes. Here's how it will work:**

**A person is eligible for relief under Clean Slate when:**

- They have completed a three-year waiting period for misdemeanor convictions and seven-year waiting period for felony convictions, not counting time served in prison.
- They have completed probation or parole.
- They have no pending charges in New York.
- Sex offenses are not eligible for sealing under the Clean Slate Act.

**Once eligible, the conviction records will be civilly sealed to allow people to access housing, education, and most jobs. But Clean Slate will not limit background checks for:**

- **Law enforcement, prosecutors, and the courts:** Records will not be sealed for the criminal legal system. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, judges, and court officials will continue to have access to sealed records.
- **Hiring police and peace officers:** Any prospective employer of a police or peace officer will have access to sealed records.
- **Gun licenses:** Local, state, and federal agencies and officers conducting background checks for firearm licenses will have access to sealed records.
- **The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV):** The DMV, as well as private transportation companies like Uber and Lyft, will have access to sealed records.
- **Work with vulnerable populations, like children, the elderly, and people with disabilities:** Sealed records will remain available to entities that are legally permitted or required to run fingerprint-based background checks.
- **The New York State Education Department (NYSED):** Public, private, and religious schools legally permitted or required to run fingerprint-based background checks will have access to sealed records. NYSED will also retain access for specified disciplinary proceedings and background checks in enumerated occupations and licenses it oversees.