How will Clean Slate work?

Clean Slate's seven-bill package will improve Michigan's expungement system. How these bills affect people with a criminal record depends on factors such as the kind of conviction someone has, how long ago a sentence was completed and whether an individual petitioned a judge for an expungement. Here's how it works.

**Marijuana Offenses**
Judges must grant expungement requests for offenses that would no longer be a crime as of Dec. 6, 2018. However, prosecutors may object to an expungement application within 60 days. Applicants will have an opportunity to answer and defend their request.

**Minor Misdemeanors**
People can petition for expungement after three years. After seven years, up to FOUR misdemeanors will be automatically expunged.

**Serious Misdemeanors**
First offense: can petition a judge for expungement five years after the imposition of a sentence or release from incarceration, whichever is later.
Subsequent offenses: the wait is seven years.

**Traffic Offenses**
If a misdemeanor: Can petition a judge for expungement three years after the completion of a sentence.
Otherwise: Can petition for an expungement after five years.

**Non-Assaultive Felonies**
- After five years: Can petition for expungement of first felony.
- After seven years: Can petition for expungement of second and third felonies.
- After 10 years: Up to TWO non-assaultive felonies will be automatically expunged.

**Assaultive Felonies & Crimes with 10+ Year Sentences**
that ARE eligible for expungement
- A person can have up to two assaultive crimes expunged in a lifetime.
- After five years: Can petition for expungement of first felony.
- After seven years: Can petition for expungement of first, second & third felonies.
- These convictions will NOT be eligible for automatic expungement.

Keep in mind:
- Driving under the influence, traffic convictions under a commercial drivers license and traffic convictions involving injury or death aren’t expungeable under House Bill 4981.
- Up to three felonies and an unlimited number of non-assaultive misdemeanors can be expunged – however, a person cannot have more than two convictions for assaultive crimes or have multiple convictions of the same kind of crime if it carries a maximum sentence of 10+ years.

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