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## **NEW OHIO LAW REGARDING SEALING OF RECORDS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 29, 2018**

### **WHO IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR SEALING OF CRIMINAL RECORDS?**

Persons with non-violent, non-sexual misdemeanors and/or felony offenses of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> degree may now be eligible for their records to be sealed by Courts in Ohio.

### **HOW MANY PRIOR CONVICTIONS CAN A PERSON HAVE?**

The new law allows for sealing of records review for a person with up to five Felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree/Felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree and/or unlimited misdemeanors.  
The new law allows for the possibility of all of the above to be sealed.

### **WAITING PERIOD**

The waiting period begins after the person has either served their sentence or completed community control.

Misdemeanor convictions require a one year waiting period.

One Felony 4 or Felony 5 convictions requires a three year waiting period.

Two Felony 4 or Felony 5 convictions require a four year waiting period.

Three to Five Felony 4 or Felony 5 convictions require a five year waiting period.