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Abstract: Authorizes a person to file a motion to expunge a record of his arrest for a felony or misdemeanor offense that did not result in a conviction if the person successfully completes a pretrial diversion program.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person may file a motion to expunge a record of his arrest for a felony or misdemeanor offense that did not result in a conviction if any of the following apply:

- (1) The person was not prosecuted for the offense for which he was arrested, and the limitations on the institution of prosecution have barred the prosecution for that offense.
- (2) The district attorney for any reason declined to prosecute any offense arising out of that arrest.
- (3) Prosecution was instituted and such proceedings have been finally disposed of by dismissal, sustaining of a motion to quash, or acquittal.
- (4) The person was judicially determined to be factually innocent and entitled to compensation for a wrongful conviction pursuant to <u>present law</u>. The person may seek to have the arrest and conviction which formed the basis for the wrongful conviction expunged without the limitations or time delays imposed by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in addition to the district attorney declining to prosecute any offense arising out of an arrest, a person may file a motion to expunge a record of his arrest for a felony or misdemeanor offense that did not result in a conviction if the person successfully completes a pretrial diversion program.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 976(A)(2))