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An act relating to fees; amending s. 9

An act relating to fees; amending s. 943.0586, F.S., as created by HB 1471; requiring applicants for a certificate of eligibility of expunction for certain criminal history records to pay a specified fee to the Department of Law Enforcement for placement in a specified trust fund; providing an exception; providing a contingent effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 943.0586, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1471 or other similar legislation enacted in the 2022 Regular Session or an extension thereof and which becomes a law, is amended to read:

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943.0586 Cannabis expunction.-

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(3) CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY.—Before petitioning a court to expunge a criminal history record under this section, a person seeking to expunge a criminal history record must apply to the department for a certificate of eligibility for expunction. The department shall adopt rules to establish procedures for applying for and issuing a certificate of eligibility for expunction.

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(a) The department shall issue a certificate of eligibility for expunction to a person who is the subject of a

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criminal history record under this section, if that person:

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- 1. Satisfies the eligibility criteria in subsection (2);
- 2. Has submitted to the department a written certified statement from the appropriate state attorney or statewide prosecutor which confirms the criminal history record complies with the criteria in subsection (2); and
- 3. Has submitted to the department a certified copy of the disposition of the charge to which the petition to expunge pertains; and
- 4. Remits a \$75 processing fee to the department for placement in the Department of Law Enforcement Operating Trust Fund, unless the executive director waives the fee.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 1471 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.