

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to criminal records; amending s.  
 3           943.059, F.S.; providing that a court may grant the  
 4           sealing of a criminal record based on the sealing of a  
 5           criminal record sealed by the Department of Law  
 6           Enforcement under certain circumstances; requiring the  
 7           Department of Law Enforcement to issue a certificate  
 8           of eligibility under certain circumstances; providing  
 9           an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of  
 14           section 943.059, Florida Statutes, to read:

15           943.059 Court-ordered sealing of criminal history  
 16           records.—

17           (1) ELIGIBILITY.—A person is eligible to petition a court  
 18           to seal a criminal history record when:

19           (f) The criminal history record was automatically sealed  
 20           pursuant to s. 943.0595 and the subject of the sealed record  
 21           presents proof of the sealing by the department to the court.  
 22           The court may grant the sealing of a criminal history record  
 23           that was sealed by the department pursuant to s. 943.0595 at any  
 24           time and without limitation based on any prior sealing of a  
 25           subject's criminal records. The department shall issue a

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26 | certificate of eligibility for sealing upon request to a person  
27 | who is the subject of a criminal history record sealed by the  
28 | department pursuant to s. 943.0595.

29 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.