



South Carolina Policy Advocacy 2023

Root & Rebound Supports:

House Bill 3605: Prohibits the denial of a license by a professional or occupational board because of a prior criminal conviction, unless the criminal conviction directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession for which the applicant is seeking a license. Includes due process protections.

Senate Bill 112: Provides a method to expunge convictions and adds multiple misdemeanor offenses of check fraud to the list of offenses eligible for expungement.

House Bill 3890: Allows expungement for youthful offender convictions involving a driving under suspension offense. Applies retroactively to convictions before the effective date of the Act.

Senate Bill 25: Provides that the State may not inquire, consider, or require disclosure of the criminal record or history of a job applicant until the applicant has been selected for an interview or before a conditional offer of employment is made.

Senate Bill 297: Provides that an inmate convicted of a “no parole offense” who has been determined by the inmate records office to have had no substantial or major disciplinary infractions and has substantially completed a rehabilitation program and the Department of Corrections reentry program is eligible for early release, discharge, and community supervision once the inmate has served at least 77% percent of the imprisonment term. Provides that an inmate convicted of a “no parole offense” related to controlled substances or other illegal drugs is eligible for early release, discharge, and community supervision once the inmate has served 75% of the imprisonment term.

House Bill 3019: Establishes a process for the destruction of arrest records when the arrest was a result of mistaken identity. Provides that a person charged with an offense (listed below) may petition the solicitor in the county in which the alleged offense



occurred for dismissal of the alleged offense that has not been adjudicated by trial or guilty plea, or otherwise disposed of or dismissed.