

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1023**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the expungement of convictions for marijuana possession.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jason M. Lewis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fifth Middlesex*

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1023) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the expungement of convictions for marijuana possession. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 73 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the expungement of convictions for marijuana possession.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 52 of chapter 55 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking  
2 clause (iii) and inserting in place thereof the following:- (iii) inform people eligible to have their  
3 records expunged as a result of changes to criminal laws resulting from marijuana  
4 decriminalization and legalization.

5 SECTION 2. Section 59 of chapter 55 of the acts of 2020 is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a person having  
7 a record of criminal court appearance or disposition on file with the office of the commissioner  
8 of probation for a charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance under section 34 of  
9 chapter 94C of the General Laws shall be eligible to have the record and related records, if any,  
10 expunged immediately under section 7 of chapter 258D of the General Laws if the controlled

- 11 substance specified in the complaint related to the court appearance or disposition was marijuana
- 12 under clause (1) of subsection (b) of Class D of section 31 of said chapter 94C.