

SENATE No. 73

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/13/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 73) of Jason M. Lewis, Joanne M. Comerford and Sonia Chang-Diaz for legislation relative to the expungement of convictions for marijuana possession. Cannabis Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1131 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 2018 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 Section 59 of chapter 55 of the acts of 2018 is hereby repealed.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.