

SENATE BILL NO. 145

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ROBERTS.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 314, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to certificates of exemplary conduct and good moral character issued by a court.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 314, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto four new sections, to be known as sections 314.205, 314.208, 314.211, and 314.214, to read as follows:

314.205. As used in sections 314.205 to 314.214, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Certificate", a certificate of exemplary conduct and good moral character;

(2) "Circuit court", any circuit court in the state of Missouri;

(3) "Eligible individual", a person who has been convicted of an offense in this state or in any other jurisdiction that does not include an offense that would subject a person to the sex offender registry under sections 589.400 to 589.426;

(4) "Petition", any form or document that is submitted to the circuit court that documents an eligible individual's desire to obtain a certificate and the eligible individual's justification for why the circuit court should grant his or her request.

314.208. 1. The circuit court shall have the power to issue a certificate to an eligible individual that has the

3 force and effect of a final judgment. The circuit court
4 shall issue a certificate to an eligible individual if the
5 presiding judge finds, at the moment of sentencing or at any
6 moment thereafter, that clear and convincing evidence
7 demonstrates that the eligible individual has:

8 (1) Consistently conducted himself or herself in a
9 manner warranting the issuance of a certificate;

10 (2) Consistently demonstrated that he or she is of
11 good moral character; and

12 (3) Generally acted in such a way that granting the
13 certificate is consistent with the public interest.

14 2. The circuit court shall have the power to
15 investigate an eligible individual petitioning for a
16 certificate.

17 3. The circuit court shall grant or deny the petition
18 within a reasonable period of time after the petition is
19 filed.

20 4. If the circuit court has issued a certificate, the
21 circuit court may at any time issue a new certificate
22 enlarging the relief previously granted.

23 5. After notice to a certificate holder, the circuit
24 court has the power to revoke a certificate upon a
25 subsequent conviction.

314.211. 1. A certificate shall not prevent any
2 judicial or administrative proceeding, any licensing
3 authority, or any other body, board, employer, or authority
4 from accessing or considering the eligible individual's
5 conviction history.

6 2. A certificate removes any or all bars an eligible
7 individual faces with respect to employment, housing, or
8 occupational licenses.

9 3. An employer is not civilly or criminally liable for
10 an act or omission by an employee who has been issued a
11 certificate, except for a willful or wanton act by the
12 employer in hiring the employee who has been issued a
13 certificate.

 314.214. 1. The chief justice of the Missouri supreme
2 court, or his or her designee, may create forms to assist
3 eligible individuals in providing all the information
4 required for a presiding judge to fully consider the
5 eligible individual's case.

6 2. The division of professional registration, and any
7 other Missouri entity that has the authority to issue or
8 revoke a license, shall report to the general assembly on
9 November thirtieth of each year the following:

10 (1) The number of licensure applicants with felony
11 convictions;

12 (2) The number of applicants with certificates;

13 (3) The number of licenses awarded to applicants with
14 felony convictions;

15 (4) The number of licenses awarded to applicants with
16 certificates;

17 (5) The number of applicants with felony convictions
18 denied licenses; and

19 (6) The number of applicants with certificates denied
20 licenses.

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