

# **2019 Expungement Bill Information**

*Wisconsin State Assembly Bill #33 & State Senate Bill #39*

## **Wisconsin 2019 Statistics**

The current unemployment rate is 3%.

1.4 million persons have criminal charges on their record.

42% of current job applicants have a record

The cost of incarceration is 23,000 persons x \$34,500/person = \$793,500,000.

A Class H felony includes a fine not to exceed \$10,000

or imprisonment not to exceed 6 years, or both.

A Class I felony includes a fine not to exceed \$10,000

or imprisonment not to exceed 3 years and 6 months, or both.

Theft of property worth \$5,000 to \$10,000 is a Class H felony.

## **Current Expungement Law**

Expungement covers Wisconsin H & I Felonies

Must be 25 or younger at time of sentencing

Judge must have determined at sentencing that the person

would be eligible upon completion of the sentence.

## **Proposed Expungement Law**

Expungement covers H & I Felonies

May be any age at time of sentencing

Bill would retroactively apply to currently/formerly incarcerated persons

Upon completion of a sentence, a judge can rule on expungement options

## **Other Notes**

Expungement removes certain convictions from the public record.

The previous and current Expungement Bills bi-partisan support

pre-date the current Governor's election.

Expungement is earned, not a pardon.

Expungement offers a clean slate for future possibilities, including employment.

The 2019 Bill is supported by, among others:

-The National Federation of Independent Businesses

-Americans for Prosperity

-The American Civil Liberties Union

-Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce.