

Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn: A Clean Slate will help New Yorkers succeed!



“The Clean Slate Act will help break barriers by giving people who have turned their life around a second chance. It will change lives and help build stronger communities.”

– Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

The Clean Slate Act will help our communities thrive

The plan will automatically seal certain criminal records to give more New Yorkers a second chance, reducing recidivism and helping people contribute to their communities.

How Clean Slate works:

- ✓ Seals a person's record 3 years after they're released from custody for a misdemeanor (8 years for a felony) – **provided they have stayed out of legal trouble** and are not on probation or parole.
- ✓ **Records are not erased**, only sealed. They can still be viewed under certain circumstances.
- ✓ **Safeguards are in place** to ensure records can be viewed by law enforcement, during fingerprint background checks, and for people working with children, the elderly, or other vulnerable populations.
- ✓ Clean Slate will **never** seal the records of individuals who were convicted of murder, are required to register as a sex offender or for anyone who has been convicted of a crime where a life sentence may be imposed.

How Clean Slate helps New York:

- ✓ Access to safe housing, education, and stable employment helps people rebuild their lives, reducing the cycles of poverty and crime.
- ✓ Expanding our workforce will help grow our economy – that's why so many business groups support it.
- ✓ People who have served their time and stay out of trouble deserve a fair chance to rebuild their lives and contribute positively to our communities.

Learn More:



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