

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1787  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/15/07**

Short Title: Expunction Info/Dismissal or Not Guilty.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION AND FORMS FOR AN  
2 EXPUNCTION OF A PERSON'S RECORD WHEN THE COURT DISMISSES  
3 CHARGES AGAINST THE PERSON OR ENTERS A FINDING OF NOT  
4 GUILTY TO BE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AND THAT INTERNET  
5 ADDRESS POSTED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall make  
9 information and application forms, for expunction of records when charges are  
10 dismissed or there is a finding of not guilty, available on the Internet. Each clerk of  
11 court shall post a notice regarding the possibility of eligibility for expunction of records  
12 when charges are dismissed or there is a finding of not guilty. The notice shall be  
13 posted in a conspicuous location, to which the public has access, in the clerk's office.  
14 The notice to be posted shall be developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts  
15 and shall include the Internet address where a person may obtain more information and  
16 application forms for requesting an expunction of a record.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Administrative Office of the Courts and the State Judicial  
18 Council shall study how to make the procedure of petitioning for an expunction under  
19 G.S. 15A-146 more easily understood and available to the public and shall report their  
20 findings to the Chief Justice by December 1, 2007.

21 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2007.  
22 The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.