

vehicle laws of the State or of any other traffic law, ordinance, or regulation[. It does not include written];

(2) WRITTEN opinions of a court that have been published[.];

(3) CASH RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS NECESSARY FOR AUDIT PURPOSES; OR

(4) A COURT REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS IN MULTIPLE DEFENDANT CASES.

(c) "Expungement," with respect to court records or police records, means the effective removal of these records from public inspection,

(1) By obliteration; or

(2) By removal to a separate secure area to which the public and other persons having no legitimate reason for being there are denied access; or

(3) If effective access to a record can be obtained only by reference to other records, by the expungement of the other records, or the part of them providing the access.

(d) "Law-enforcement agency" includes any state, county, and municipal police department or agency, sheriff's offices, the State's attorney's offices, and the Attorney General's office.

(e) "Police records" means all official records maintained by a law-enforcement agency pertaining to the arrest and detention of or further proceeding against a person on a criminal charge or for a suspected violation of a criminal law. It does not include investigatory files, police work-product records used solely for police investigation purposes, or records pertaining to violations of the vehicle laws of the State or of any other traffic law, ordinance, or regulation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1976.