



*Commonwealth of Virginia
Office of the Governor*

Executive Order

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SHARING OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF RIGHTS PROCESS

Importance of the Initiative

On April 18, 2014, I announced extensive amendments to the process for automatic, individualized restoration of voting rights for rehabilitated felons who have paid their debt to society. This new policy, which will formally take effect on April 21, 2014, will ensure more transparency by providing Virginians with a defined list of the offenses that require a waiting period before an offender can apply for the restoration of their voting rights. More Virginians will be empowered to regain their rights earlier, particularly as a result of the removal of drug crimes from the list of offenses, and the change of the waiting period for rehabilitated violent offenders from five to three years.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, I hereby direct that the Virginia State Police and Department of Corrections share criminal history record information with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as required, for the limited purpose of determining eligibility for automatic restoration of rights and rehabilitation.

The information shared with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall not be used for any other purpose. The Secretary shall ensure that the information is secured and protected from further dissemination.

Effective Date of the Executive Order

This Executive Order replaces Executive Order No. 65 (2013), issued on July 15, 2013, by Governor Robert F. McDonnell. This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 21st day of April, 2014.



Terence R. McAuliffe, Governor

Attest:

Levar M. Stoney, Secretary of the Commonwealth