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Representative Blattman

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 13-907 AND 13-908, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
THE RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-907, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 13-907. Automatic restoration of civil rights for first  
5 offenders; firearm rights; definition

6 A. On completion of probation for an offense committed in this  
7 state or absolute discharge from imprisonment, any person who has not  
8 previously been convicted of a felony offense shall automatically be  
9 restored any civil rights that were lost or suspended as a result of the  
10 conviction if the person pays all victim restitution imposed, **EXCEPT THAT**  
11 **THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ON FINAL DISCHARGE.**  
12 A person who is entitled to the restoration of any civil rights pursuant  
13 to this subsection is not required to file an application pursuant to  
14 section 13-908, except that if the person does file an application, the  
15 court shall grant the application without receiving a response from the  
16 state or holding a hearing.

17 B. On completion of probation for an offense committed outside the  
18 jurisdiction of this state or absolute discharge from a prison in another  
19 state or the federal bureau of prisons, a person who has not previously  
20 been convicted of a felony offense is eligible for automatic restoration  
21 of any civil rights that were lost or suspended as a result of the  
22 conviction if the person pays all victim restitution imposed. A person  
23 who is entitled to the restoration of any civil rights pursuant to this  
24 subsection shall file an application pursuant to section 13-908, and the  
25 court shall grant the application without receiving a response from the  
26 state or holding a hearing.

27 C. This section does not apply to a person's right to possess a  
28 firearm as defined in section 13-3101 if the person was convicted of any  
29 of the following:

30 1. A dangerous offense under section 13-704 or an offense committed  
31 outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a dangerous offense  
32 under section 13-704 if committed in this state.

33 2. A serious offense as defined in section 13-706 or an offense  
34 committed outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a serious  
35 offense as defined in section 13-706 if committed in this state.

36 D. If the person is not entitled to the automatic restoration of  
37 firearm rights pursuant to this section, the court may order the  
38 restoration of the right to possess a firearm pursuant to section 13-910.

39 **E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FINAL DISCHARGE" MEANS THE**  
40 **COMPLETION OF PROBATION OR THE RECEIPT OF AN ABSOLUTE DISCHARGE FROM THE**  
41 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, A PRISON IN ANOTHER STATE OR THE FEDERAL**  
42 **BUREAU OF PRISONS.**

1       Sec. 2. Section 13-908, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3       13-908. Restoration of civil rights; application; firearm  
4               rights; definition

5       A. On final discharge, a person who has previously been convicted  
6 of a felony or who has not paid all victim restitution that was imposed  
7 may apply to the superior court to have the person's civil rights  
8 restored, **EXCEPT THAT THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED**  
9 **ON THE PERSON'S FINAL DISCHARGE.** The restoration of civil rights is in  
10 the discretion of the judicial officer.

11       B. The person or the person's attorney or probation officer may  
12 file the application for the restoration of civil rights. The clerk of  
13 the court may not charge a filing fee for an application. The clerk of  
14 the court shall forward a copy of the application to the county attorney  
15 or attorney general.

16       C. A person whose civil rights were lost or suspended as a result  
17 of a felony conviction in another state or a United States district court  
18 and whose period of probation has been completed may file the application  
19 for restoration of civil rights in the county in which the person now  
20 resides, **EXCEPT THAT THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED**  
21 **ON THE PERSON'S DISCHARGE FROM PROBATION.**

22       D. A person whose civil rights were lost or suspended as a result  
23 of a felony conviction in another state or a United States district court  
24 and who has received an absolute discharge from imprisonment in a prison  
25 in another state or a federal prison shall file the application for the  
26 restoration of civil rights in the county in which the person now resides,  
27 **EXCEPT THAT THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ON THE**  
28 **PERSON'S ABSOLUTE DISCHARGE FROM IMPRISONMENT.** The restoration of civil  
29 rights is in the discretion of the judicial officer.

30       E. This section does not apply to a person's right to possess a  
31 firearm as defined in section 13-3101 if the person was convicted of any  
32 of the following:

33       1. A dangerous offense under section 13-704 or an offense committed  
34 outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a dangerous offense  
35 under section 13-704 if committed in this state.

36       2. A serious offense as defined in section 13-706 or an offense  
37 committed outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a serious  
38 offense as defined in section 13-706 if committed in this state.

39       F. If the person is not entitled to the restoration of firearm  
40 rights pursuant to this section, the court may order the restoration of  
41 the right to possess a firearm pursuant to section 13-910.

42       G. For the purposes of this section, "final discharge" means the  
43 completion of probation or the receipt of an absolute discharge from the  
44 state department of corrections, a prison in another state or the federal  
45 bureau of prisons.