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HOUSE BILL 98

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO RECORDS; PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF
EVICTION RECORDS AFTER FIVE YEARS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Uniform Owner-Resident
Relations Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] EXPUNGEMENT OF EVICTION RECORDS--
PROCEDURE.--

A. All public records held by a court or an agency
of the state or a local jurisdiction that relate to a person's
eviction under the Uniform Owner-Resident Relations Act shall
be automatically expunged five years after the date of the
person's eviction. Automatic expungement under this section
applies to public records regarding the eviction and requires
destruction of the records.

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1 B. The administrative office of the courts shall
2 implement a procedure allowing persons eligible for automatic
3 expungement under this section to verify whether automatic
4 expungement has occurred and request expedited automatic
5 expungement if eligible records have not yet been expunged.

6 C. Requests for expungement to the administrative
7 office of the courts from persons charged with offenses
8 eligible for automatic expungement shall remain confidential
9 and are not subject to disclosure."

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