Free Virtual Marijuana Expungement and Social Equity License Clinics

Arizona— September 7, 2021

Those that have been too busy or did not want to attend one of the many in-person marijuana expungement clinics in Arizona now have a more convenient option – free remote *virtual and telephonic* expungement and social equity license clinics!

According to this <u>September 4, 2021 Arizona Republic Article</u>, "there are 250,000 to 500,000 cases that may be eligible for expungement, and over two-thirds of those are for marijuana possession alone." Many have taken advantage of expungement of their low-level marijuana offenses as allowed by Proposition 207. "Yet, hundreds of thousands of those eligible to remove marijuana-related infractions still have not filed a petition for expungement," according to the article.

CannaBudzz plans to change that by holding the first ever free virtual and telephone expungement and social equity licensing clinics.

"Drop-ins" are welcome. No reservations are required. Consultations usually take no more than 15 minutes.

"Especially with the pandemic not being over, it dawned on me that I have not seen anyone advertise a remote virtual or telephone call expungement clinic, so I did a search to see if there were any," says Kent Berk, founder of CannaBudzz. Unbelievably, Kent could find no reference to any virtual or remote expungement clinics in Arizona. "With today's technology, those with questions or who need help filing for expungement should not be prevented from doing so because they cannot attend an in-person event. So, we decide to schedule two virtual clinics to start." As a virtual clinic, this will save participants substantial time driving to and waiting for an appointment, as well as allow people to social distance.

Individuals with questions about expungement or the social equity marijuana licensing program should attend.

Those that are unable to attend these scheduled clinics should watch for future clinics or they may contact CannaBudzz directly via email or phone with any questions.

More information and details at www.CannaBudzz.com.

When:

1. September 16, 2021, 4pm-8pm

2. September 25, 2021, 10am-2pm

Where: Virtual or telephone call

How to Attend: Go to www.CannaBudzz.com prior to the event for a link, call-in and other information.

What: Free virtual expungement and marijuana social equity license clinics

Who Should Attend: Anyone with questions about eligibility or filing for expungement or applying for social equity marijuana establishment licenses.

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. "DROP INS" WELCOME! CONSULTATIONS USUALLY TAKE NO MORE THAN 15 MINUTES.

Proposition 207

Effective July 12, 2021, those with low-level marijuana arrests, charges or convictions in Arizona became eligible to file for expungement (clearing) of their record. Specifically, people with any of the following are now eligible to ask to clear the arrest, charge, or conviction from their record: possessing, consuming, cultivating, processing, or transporting

- 1. no more than 2.5 ounces of marijuana aka cannabis (of which not more than 12.5 grams was concentrate)
- 2. no more than 6 marijuana plants grown at the person's primary residence for personal use, and/or
- 3. marijuana paraphernalia.

The new law and related procedural rules have some nuances. Common questions include:

- Do my offenses qualify for expungement?
- Where should I file my petition for expungement?
- Is there a filing fee?
- Should I request a hearing?
- Do I have to file separate petitions for expungement if I have more than one eligible charge?

Individuals may get answers to those and other questions at the upcoming expungement clinics.

Benefits of Expungement

There are numerous reasons people should clear their record of any marijuana offenses, whether just an arrest or a charge followed by a plea or conviction. People with such records often must deal with various negative consequences, such as:

- Inability or difficulty getting jobs in certain professions
- Difficulty finding housing, such as renting an apartment, since some landlords refuse to rent to those with criminal records
- Paying higher interest rates for credit cards, car loans and other loans
- Ineligibility to vote
- Disqualification to run for office
- Loss of right to own a firearm
- Ineligibility for housing and other government assistance

Who Should Attend the Free Clinics?

Anyone who needs help or who has questions about:

- Finding records.
- Determining eligibility for expungement.
- Filling out the petition for expungement.
- Locating the correct court at which to file the petition.
- Understanding the social equity license criteria
- Social equity license application pooling
- Other questions

Event Information:

Where: Virtual or Telephone

When:

- 1. 09/16/2021 4pm-8pm Clinic: https://www.cannabudzz.com/2021/09/virtual-expungement-and-social-equity-clinic-09-16-2021/
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Kent is an Arizona licensed attorney. However, only general, not legal, advice will be given during the clinic. And, no attorney-client relationship is or will be established at the clinic.

For more information about the clinics:

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