

# RECORDS

Dave Min voted to automatically seal many felons' criminal records including those who commit domestic violence, making it impossible to know whether a convicted criminal has been hired to babysit or tutor our children.

## **Min Voted To Seal Criminal Records For Many Felons – Including Domestic Violence Offenders – Four Years After Their Sentences Are Completed**

**In June 2022, Min Voted To Pass Senate Bill 731.** (SB 731, [Passed: 30-7-3](#), 6/29/22, Min Voted Yea)

- **Senate Bill 731 Seals Criminal Records For All Felonies, Not Just Jailable Felonies, Four Years After Completing Their Sentences And Any Parole Or Probation.** “Senate Bill 731 would automatically seal conviction and arrest records for most ex-offenders who are not convicted of another felony for four years after completing their sentences and any parole or probation. Records of arrests that don’t bring convictions also would be sealed. It would take effect in July, and excludes those convicted of serious and violent felonies, and felonies requiring sex offender registration.” (Don Thompson, “California Advances Broadest US Law Sealing Criminal Records; Bill Headed To Newsom,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/18/22)
- **While This Bill Does Not Apply To “Serious Or Violent Felonies,” California Has A Narrow Legal Definition Of What Crimes Are Considered “Violent,” Meaning Domestic Violence Offenders Could Have Their Records Sealed.** “While the bill would not apply to serious or violent felonies, California has a narrow legal definition of violent crimes, including about two dozen of the most serious crimes like murder, voluntary manslaughter, attempted murder, kidnapping, assaults, arson, robbery and extortion. The bill would apply to offenses like domestic violence, said Republican Sen. Shannon Grove, who joined all Republicans in the Senate and one Democrat — Sen. Melissa Hurtado of Sanger — in voting against the bill Thursday. “These things are very violent things even though they are not listed as serious and violent in the penal code,” Grove said.” (Don Thompson, “California Advances Broadest US Law Sealing Criminal Records; Bill Headed To Newsom,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/18/22)
- **The 75,000-Member Peace Officers Research Association Of California Opposed The Bill, Saying That “By Expanding The Relief Of Penalties For All Felonies, We Are Placing Our Communities At Risk.”** “Groups that opposed the bill include the 75,000-member Peace Officers Research Association of California, which argued California already offers more limited ways for lower level ex-felons to clear their records. ‘By expanding the relief of penalties for all felonies, we are placing our communities at risk,’ the association said. ‘By allowing violent criminals back on the street, with their record dismissed, they will have less deterrent to commit another crime.’” (Don Thompson, “California Advances Broadest US Law Sealing Criminal Records; Bill Headed To Newsom,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/18/22)