Philadelphia’s New Marijuana Possession Law - Get the Facts!

**Can old marijuana cases be expunged?**

- YES, if you were NOT convicted.
- YES, if you completed a special program.
- NO, if you plead guilty or were found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony offense.

*If you have a criminal record because of an arrest for possession of marijuana, Community Legal Services may be able to help.*

**UNDER THE NEW LAW:**

- The penalty for possessing 30 grams or less of marijuana for personal use is a $25 fine.
- The penalty for public marijuana use is a $100 fine or up to 9 hours of community service.
- A citation will be issued for a *civil violation*, but there will be no criminal arrest record created.

**WARNING:**

- **Marijuana possession and use is still illegal.** You can be arrested and prosecuted for:
  - Possessing 30 + grams of marijuana.
  - Selling or distributing marijuana.
  - Driving under the influence of marijuana.
  - Any other crimes an officer has probable cause to believe you committed.
- Marijuana use will still be considered a probation violation, and could be relevant in other legal matters such as child custody cases.