



CHAPTER 17E
ARTICLE 2 - JUSTICE OFFICERS

N.C.G.S. § 17E-12.

Pardons; expunctions.

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§ 17E-12(a) When a person presents competent evidence that the person has been granted an unconditional pardon of innocence for a crime in this State, any other state, or the United States, the Commission may not deny, suspend, or revoke that person's certification based solely on the commission of that crime or for alleged lack of good moral character due to the commission of that crime.

§ 17E-12(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 15A-145.4 or G.S. 15A-145.5, the Commission may gain access to a person's felony conviction records, including those maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts in its confidential files containing the names of persons granted expunctions. The Commission may deny, suspend, or revoke a person's certification based solely on that person's felony conviction, whether or not that conviction was expunged, unless the conviction was expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A-145.4 or G.S. 15A-145.8A.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1995	c. 103, s. 10	ENACTED
02	2011	S.L. 2011-278, s. 4	AMENDED
03	2012	S.L. 2012-191, s. 7	AMENDED
04	2021	S.L. 2021-107, s. 3(b)	AMENDED
05	2023	S.L. 2023-56, s. 4(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 15A-145.4	(b)	" <i>Notwithstanding</i> "
G.S. 15A-145.5	(b)	" <i>Notwithstanding G.S. 15A-145.4 or</i> "
G.S. 15A-145.8A	(b)	" <i>expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A-145.4 or</i> "

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 17E-12 (2023).

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