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**Act No. 167 (S.234). Judiciary; criminal and civil court procedures**

**An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures**

This act makes a number of changes to court and Judiciary procedures, including changing the name of the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program to the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program; clarifying that the civil violation for minors in possession of alcohol or cannabis applies to persons aged 16–21, whereas persons under age 16 will be subject to a delinquency proceeding for the offense; providing that a person's criminal history records cannot be expunged until the person has paid any applicable court surcharges, unless the surcharges have been waived by the court; permitting a will to be allowed as valid if there are no objections and one of the witnesses testifies that the will was properly executed; increasing the threshold for requiring court approval of settlements entered into on behalf of a minor from \$1,500 to \$10,000; establishing a Reinstatement Fee Waiver Program that requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to permit persons whose motor vehicle operator's licenses have been suspended for noncriminal reasons for more than one year to have their licenses reinstated without paying the DMV reinstatement fee, provided that the person has satisfied all other reinstatement conditions and requirements; permitting the Probate and Family Divisions to make the findings necessary to allow immigrant children to petition the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for special immigration juvenile status; establishing a process for expunging misdemeanor marijuana convictions of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana before January 1, 2021; and amending the penalties for marijuana possession so that as of January 1, 2021 no one will be convicted of a crime or have a criminal record for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on October 7, 2020