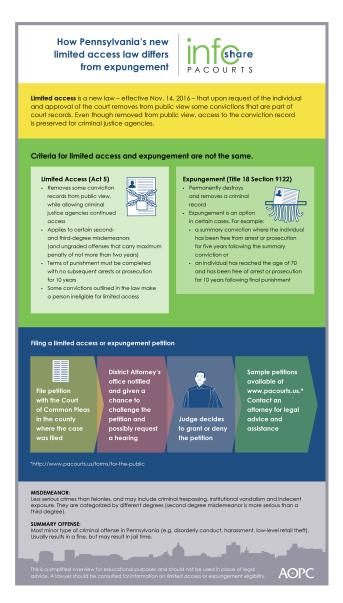


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## How does Pennsylvania's new limited access law differ from expungement?

**HARRISBURG** — Limited access is a new law, effective Nov. 14, 2016, that lessens barriers to employment, housing and education by removing a conviction from public view upon request of the individual and approval of the court. Even though records are removed from public view, criminal justice agencies will still have access to those records.

There are significant differences between limited access and expungement of records. The infographic below highlights these differences and steps involved in filing a petition with the court. Reporters are encouraged to use the full graphic or parts of the graphic by **downloading a high-resolution version**.



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