

NOTICE

POTENTIAL COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CONVICTION

(1) When you plead guilty or are convicted of an offense, you may suffer additional legal consequences beyond jail or prison, home confinement, probation, and fines. These consequences may include:

(A) being unable to get or keep some licenses, permits, or jobs;

(B) being unable to get or keep benefits such as public housing or education;

(C) receiving a harsher sentence if you are convicted of another offense in the future;

(D) having the government take your property;

(E) being unable to serve in the military or on a jury;

(F) being unable to possess a firearm;

(G) being unable to exercise your right to vote if you move to another state; and

(H) if you are not a United States citizen, a guilty plea or conviction may also result in your deportation, removal, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of citizenship.

(2) Further information about the consequences of conviction is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.ago.vermont.gov/divisions/criminal-division/collateral-consequences-of-conviction.php>

(3) There may be ways to obtain relief from collateral consequences.

(4) Your conviction may be eligible for expungement or sealing pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7602.

(5) Contact information for organizations that may be able to offer assistance to persons seeking relief from collateral consequences may be found on the Internet at:

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(6) Conviction of a crime in Vermont does *not* prohibit an individual from voting in Vermont.