

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by
5 changing Section 2-1401 as follows:

6 (735 ILCS 5/2-1401) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-1401)

7 Sec. 2-1401. Relief from judgments.

8 (a) Relief from final orders and judgments, after 30 days
9 from the entry thereof, may be had upon petition as provided in
10 this Section. Writs of error coram nobis and coram vobis,
11 bills of review, and bills in the nature of bills of review are
12 abolished. All relief heretofore obtainable and the grounds
13 for such relief heretofore available, whether by any of the
14 foregoing remedies or otherwise, shall be available in every
15 case, by proceedings hereunder, regardless of the nature of
16 the order or judgment from which relief is sought or of the
17 proceedings in which it was entered. Except as provided in the
18 Illinois Parentage Act of 2015, there shall be no distinction
19 between actions and other proceedings, statutory or otherwise,
20 as to availability of relief, grounds for relief, or the
21 relief obtainable.

22 (b) The petition must be filed in the same proceeding in
23 which the order or judgment was entered but is not a

1 continuation thereof. The petition must be supported by an
2 affidavit or other appropriate showing as to matters not of
3 record. A petition to reopen a foreclosure proceeding must
4 include as parties to the petition, but is not limited to, all
5 parties in the original action in addition to the current
6 record title holders of the property, current occupants, and
7 any individual or entity that had a recorded interest in the
8 property before the filing of the petition. All parties to the
9 petition shall be notified as provided by rule.

10 (b-5) A movant may present a meritorious claim under this
11 Section if the allegations in the petition establish each of
12 the following by a preponderance of the evidence:

13 (1) the movant was convicted of a forcible felony;

14 (2) the movant's participation in the offense was
15 related to him or her previously having been a victim of
16 domestic violence or gender-based violence ~~as perpetrated~~
17 ~~by an intimate partner;~~

18 (3) there is substantial ~~no~~ evidence of domestic
19 violence or gender-based violence against the movant that
20 was not presented at the movant's sentencing hearing;

21 (4) (blank) ~~the movant was unaware of the mitigating~~
22 ~~nature of the evidence of the domestic violence at the~~
23 ~~time of sentencing and could not have learned of its~~
24 ~~significance sooner through diligence; and~~

25 (5) the ~~new~~ evidence of domestic violence or
26 gender-based violence against the movant is material and

1 noncumulative to other evidence offered at the sentencing
2 hearing, or previous hearing under this Section filed on
3 or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
4 103rd General Assembly, and is of such a conclusive
5 character that it would likely change the sentence imposed
6 by the original trial court.

7 Nothing in this subsection (b-5) shall prevent a movant
8 from applying for any other relief under this Section or any
9 other law otherwise available to him or her.

10 As used in this subsection (b-5):

11 "Domestic violence" means abuse as defined in Section
12 103 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

13 "Forcible felony" has the meaning ascribed to the term
14 in Section 2-8 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

15 "Gender-based violence" includes evidence of
16 victimization as a trafficking victim, as defined by
17 paragraph (10) of subsection (a) of Section 10-9 of the
18 Criminal Code of 2012, evidence of victimization under the
19 Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, evidence of
20 victimization under the Stalking No Contact Order Act, or
21 evidence of victimization of any offense under Article 11
22 of the Criminal Code of 2012, irrespective of criminal
23 prosecution or conviction.

24 "Intimate partner" means a spouse or former spouse,
25 persons who have or allegedly have had a child in common,
26 or persons who have or have had a dating or engagement

1 relationship.

2 "Substantial evidence" means evidence that a
3 reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a
4 conclusion.

5 (b-10) A movant may present a meritorious claim under this
6 Section if the allegations in the petition establish each of
7 the following by a preponderance of the evidence:

8 (A) she was convicted of a forcible felony;

9 (B) her participation in the offense was a direct
10 result of her suffering from post-partum depression or
11 post-partum psychosis;

12 (C) no evidence of post-partum depression or
13 post-partum psychosis was presented by a qualified medical
14 person at trial or sentencing, or both;

15 (D) she was unaware of the mitigating nature of the
16 evidence or, if aware, was at the time unable to present
17 this defense due to suffering from post-partum depression
18 or post-partum psychosis, or, at the time of trial or
19 sentencing, neither was a recognized mental illness and as
20 such, she was unable to receive proper treatment; and

21 (E) evidence of post-partum depression or post-partum
22 psychosis as suffered by the person is material and
23 noncumulative to other evidence offered at the time of
24 trial or sentencing, and it is of such a conclusive
25 character that it would likely change the sentence imposed
26 by the original court.

1 Nothing in this subsection (b-10) prevents a person from
2 applying for any other relief under this Article or any other
3 law otherwise available to her.

4 As used in this subsection (b-10):

5 "Post-partum depression" means a mood disorder which
6 strikes many women during and after pregnancy and usually
7 occurs during pregnancy and up to 12 months after
8 delivery. This depression can include anxiety disorders.

9 "Post-partum psychosis" means an extreme form of
10 post-partum depression which can occur during pregnancy
11 and up to 12 months after delivery. This can include
12 losing touch with reality, distorted thinking, delusions,
13 auditory and visual hallucinations, paranoia,
14 hyperactivity and rapid speech, or mania.

15 (c) Except as provided in Section 20b of the Adoption Act
16 and Section 2-32 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, in a
17 petition based upon Section 116-3 of the Code of Criminal
18 Procedure of 1963 or subsection (b-5) or (b-10) of this
19 Section, or in a motion to vacate and expunge convictions
20 under the Cannabis Control Act as provided by subsection (i)
21 of Section 5.2 of the Criminal Identification Act, the
22 petition must be filed not later than 2 years after the entry
23 of the order or judgment. Time during which the person seeking
24 relief is under legal disability or duress or the ground for
25 relief is fraudulently concealed shall be excluded in
26 computing the period of 2 years.

1 (c-5) Any individual may at any time file a petition and
2 institute proceedings under this Section if his or her final
3 order or judgment, which was entered based on a plea of guilty
4 or nolo contendere, has potential consequences under federal
5 immigration law.

6 (d) The filing of a petition under this Section does not
7 affect the order or judgment, or suspend its operation.

8 (e) Unless lack of jurisdiction affirmatively appears from
9 the record proper, the vacation or modification of an order or
10 judgment pursuant to the provisions of this Section does not
11 affect the right, title, or interest in or to any real or
12 personal property of any person, not a party to the original
13 action, acquired for value after the entry of the order or
14 judgment but before the filing of the petition, nor affect any
15 right of any person not a party to the original action under
16 any certificate of sale issued before the filing of the
17 petition, pursuant to a sale based on the order or judgment.
18 When a petition is filed pursuant to this Section to reopen a
19 foreclosure proceeding, notwithstanding the provisions of
20 Section 15-1701 of this Code, the purchaser or successor
21 purchaser of real property subject to a foreclosure sale who
22 was not a party to the mortgage foreclosure proceedings is
23 entitled to remain in possession of the property until the
24 foreclosure action is defeated or the previously foreclosed
25 defendant redeems from the foreclosure sale if the purchaser
26 has been in possession of the property for more than 6 months.

1 (f) Nothing contained in this Section affects any existing
2 right to relief from a void order or judgment, or to employ any
3 existing method to procure that relief.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-27, eff. 6-25-19; 101-411, eff. 8-16-19;
5 102-639, eff. 8-27-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)