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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Thu, 24 Apr 2025 17:03:52
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: California - [redacted] REP-B-2025-0427 - Due 20-May-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

In order to properly assist you, may you please provide additional context for your enquiry. Does this enquiry relate to an open application?

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 15, 2025 7:53 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: California - Automatic Relief

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Hi,

I am writing with an inquiry about how IRCC treats convictions that have a notation for automatic relief under California Penal Code 1203.425.

The relevant statute is here - https://law.justia.com/codes/california/code-pen/part-2/title-8/chapter-1/section-1203-425/

Section 2(a) provides that:

> (2) (A) Except as specified in subdivision (b), the department shall grant relief, including dismissal of a conviction, to a person identified pursuant to paragraph (1) without requiring a petition or motion by a party for that relief if the relevant information is present in the department's electronic records.
>
> (B) The state summary criminal history information shall include, directly next to or below the entry or entries regarding the person's criminal record, a note stating "relief granted," listing the date that the department granted relief and this section. This note shall be included in all statewide criminal databases with a record of the conviction.

This suggests that it is similar to an expungement, but there are also several qualifications in automatic relief that make me [redacted]

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s.19(1)

The relevant record states: Disposition: Conviction Relief Granted Per 1203.425PC.

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Sincerely,