

**Proposed text amendments to LD 1459, adding:**

**2267. Unlawful Dissemination:**

“An entity is not liable for damages or subject to criminal penalties under this section for reporting a public record of conviction that has been sealed by court order or operation of law, if that record was lawfully obtained.”

**2265 Special restrictions on dissemination and use of criminal history record information relating to criminal conviction:**

“The press and public may petition the court to review records of a conviction sealed through this process.”

**2265 Special restrictions on dissemination and use of criminal history record information relating to criminal conviction:**

“It is not a violation of this statute to report or publish information about a sealed conviction that is already in the public domain or was lawfully obtained.”

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