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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension without change of a previously approved collection

Title - Application for Certificates of Pardon for the Offense of Simple Possession of Marijuana - E.O.

AGENCY: The Office of the Pardon Attorney, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Pardon Attorney, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days, until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Kira Gillespie, Deputy Pardon Attorney, Office of the Pardon Attorney, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Main Justice—RFK Building, Washington, DC 20530; USPardon.Attorney@usdoj.gov; 202-616-6073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1 *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2 *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Certificate of Pardon for Simple Possession of Marijuana.

3 *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* There is no agency form number for this collection. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Office of the Pardon Attorney.

4 *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Individuals or households will be asked to respond to this request, and the obligation to respond is voluntary. On October 6, 2022, the President issued a proclamation

(Executive Order 10467) pardoning many persons who had been convicted federally of a simple possession of marijuana offense. Additionally, on December 22, 2023, the President issued a supplemental proclamation (Executive Order 10688) widening the scope of eligibility for pardon applicants. The purpose of this collection is to gather information necessary to enable the Office of the Pardon Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, to expeditiously administer the provisions of Executive Orders 10467 and 10688. If a person wants proof of their pardon, they can submit the Application to verify their eligibility under the proclamations. The collection will thereby enable individuals to apply for certificates of pardon, restoring political, civil, and other rights by implementing a process to provide certificates of pardon as provided by the proclamations. A person who qualified under the proclamation is pardoned regardless of whether they submit an Application.

5 *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The Office of the Pardon Attorney estimates that a potential pool of approximately 350 applicants may apply.[1] The Application for the certificate is simple, and will not take long to complete, approximately 10 minutes. The applicants must also provide proof of their prior convictions or charges, which we estimate would take approximately 20 minutes, including research, phone calls, and conversations with necessary personnel to obtain the appropriate documentation. Therefore, the Office of the Pardon Attorney estimates it would take approximately 30 minutes total.

[1] PARDON has experienced a diminishing number of applications since the proclamation was issued in October 2022. To determine the number of likely potential applicants, PARDON took the number of applications in 2025 (533) and the number of applications in 2026 (153), calculated the average (343), and rounded up.

6 *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 175 hours. It is estimated that respondents will take 30 minutes to complete an Application. The burden hours for collecting respondent data sum to 175 hours (350 respondents × 0.5 hours = 175 hours).

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Enterprise Portfolio Management, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.206, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 16, 2026.

Darwin Arceo,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA,

U.S. Department of Justice.

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