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**PROHIBIT PROBATE NAME  
CHANGES BY CRIMINALS**

**House Bill 4693**

**Sponsor: Rep. Charles Perricone**

**Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights**

**Complete to 5-9-95**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4693 AS INTRODUCED 4-4-95**

The bill would prohibit the probate court from allowing convicted felons to change their names, and would require criminal record checks for other people who petition the probate court to change their names.

More specifically, the bill would specify that a person who petitioned the probate court to change his or her name would be required to forward two sets of their fingerprints to their local law enforcement agency, along with required processing fees. The local law enforcement agency would be required to forward the fingerprints to the Department of State Police, who would compare the fingerprints with state police records and also would be required to forward one set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for comparison with records available to it. The state police would be required to report any pending charges or recorded convictions of the applicant to the probate court, who would be prohibited from acting on the petition for a name change until it had received the state police report.

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