

**609B.425 DRUG OFFENSE; FLEEING FELONS; GENERAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; ELIGIBILITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The collateral sanctions discussed in this section are codified in section 256D.024.

Subd. 2. **Benefit eligibility.** (a) A person convicted of a drug offense after July 1, 1997, is ineligible for general assistance benefits and Supplemental Security Income under chapter 256D until:

(1) five years after completing the terms of a court-ordered sentence; or

(2) unless the person is participating in a drug treatment program, has successfully completed a program, or has been determined not to be in need of a drug treatment program.

(b) A person who becomes eligible for assistance under chapter 256D is subject to random drug testing and shall lose eligibility for benefits for five years beginning the month following:

(1) any positive test for an illegal controlled substance; or

(2) discharge of sentence for conviction of another drug felony.

(c) Parole violators and fleeing felons are ineligible for benefits and persons fraudulently misrepresenting eligibility are also ineligible to receive benefits for ten years.

**History:** 2005 c 136 art 14 s 18; 2016 c 158 art 2 s 120