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IN THE SENATE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.B. NO. 384

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 22 through 40, and insert:

- "(2) If he meets the requirements of this chapter, a claimant may bring a civil action against the state of Idaho for wrongful conviction. The claimant shall prevail if he establishes each of the following requirements by a preponderance of the evidence:
 - (a) The claimant was convicted of a felony in this state and subsequently imprisoned;
 - (b) The claimant did not commit the crime for which he was convicted;
 - (c) The claimant did not commit the acts that were the basis of the conviction;
 - (d) The claimant did not aid, abet, or act as an accomplice or accessory to either the acts or to a person who committed the acts that were the basis for the conviction;
 - (e) The claimant did not commit an included offense of the crime for which he was imprisoned;
 - (f) The claimant establishes that either of the following occurred:
 - (i) The claimant's conviction was reversed or vacated and either the claimant was not retried and the charges were dismissed or the claimant was retried and was found not guilty; or
 - (ii) The claimant was pardoned by the Idaho commission of pardons and parole or the governor on the grounds that the claimant was innocent; and
 - (g) The claimant establishes that the basis for reversing or vacating the conviction was not legal error unrelated to his factual innocence.
- (3) A claimant shall not prevail on a claim brought pursuant to this chapter if the state shows by a preponderance of the evidence that a claimant pled guilty with the specific intent to protect another party from prosecution for the underlying conviction that forms the basis for the claim.".

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 23; in line 24, delete "5" and insert: "4"; also in line 24, delete ", accompanied by a statement of the facts concerning the"; delete line 25; in line 26, delete "of complaints in the rules of civil procedure,"; delete lines 35 through 40; in line 41, delete "9" and insert: "5"; also in line 41, delete "no later"; in line 42, delete "than one hundred twenty (120) days" and insert: "as expeditiously as possible"; delete lines 43 through 47, and insert:

- "(6) If a person dies prior to filing or during the pendency of a claim under this section, the person's estate may file or maintain a claim pursuant to this section.";
- and delete lines 48 through 50.

On page 3, in line 1, delete "12" and insert: "7"; also in line 1, delete "the"; in line 2, delete "of any judicial officer, prosecutor, or law enforcement offi-"; in line 3, delete "cer, including all applicable provisions of federal and state law,"; delete lines 15 through 25, and insert:

- "(2) Compensation awarded under subsection (1) of this section shall be computed on a pro rata basis, with damages computed according to the number of days the claimant was imprisoned, on parole, or required to register as a sex offender due to the conviction that is the subject of the action. For purposes of the pro rata calculation, three hundred sixty-five (365) days equals one (1) year. The burden is on the claimant to establish the number of days he was imprisoned, on parole, or required to register as a sex offender.
- (3) The claimant must establish the damages he is seeking under subsections (1), (2), and (4) of this section and the basis for those damages. Any award of damages pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section must be submitted to the board of examiners for review. Awards shall be paid from the innocence fund created pursuant to section 6-3305, Idaho Code. Damages shall be paid as a combination of an initial payment not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or twenty-five percent (25%) of the award, whichever is greater, and the remainder as an annual payment not to exceed eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) per year until the damage award is paid in full. The claimant shall designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries for the annual payment by filing such designation with the state. The award may be paid in one (1) lump sum if the court finds that it is in the best interests of the claimant. Any award of damages shall not accrue post-judgment interest, and the provisions of section 28-22-104, Idaho Code, shall not apply to such damages. A court shall not award, and a claimant shall not receive, compensation for any period of imprisonment during which the claimant was serving a sentence for a conviction of another offense for which the claimant was lawfully convicted and imprisoned. The claimant shall not receive compensation for any period of time that he was on parole or required to register as a sex offender during which the claimant was paroled or required to register as a sex offender for another offense for which the claimant was lawfully convicted.";

in line 26, delete "3" and insert: "4"; in line 27, following "claimant" insert: "may be entitled to the following"; delete lines 28 through 37, and insert:

- "(a) Reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the action brought pursuant to this chapter not to exceed a total of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), unless a greater reasonable total is authorized by the court upon a finding of good cause shown;
- (b) Reentry services offered through the department of correction, as applicable;
- (c) Two (2) years of state-funded medical insurance for each year of imprisonment, up to a maximum of eight (8) years of insurance coverage, for state-funded medical insurance as described in section 67-5760, Idaho Code, or other equivalent medical insurance if state-funded medical insurance is not available; and
- (d) A tuition waiver at an Idaho public postsecondary institution for thirty (30) credit hours for each year of imprisonment, up to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) credit hours.";

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and in line 38, delete "4" and insert: "5".

On page 4, in line 3, delete "5" and insert: "6"; in line 5, delete "--

EXPUNGEMENT"; also in line 5, delete "(1)"; and delete lines 10 through 14.
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4 CORRECTION TO TITLE

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On page 1, in line 8, following "DAMAGES," insert: "TO PROVIDE FOR COM-PUTATION OF DAMAGES, TO PROVIDE FOR HOW DAMAGES ARE PAID,"; and in line 9, delete "AND EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN RECORDS".