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Introduced by M. of A. LANCMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the court of claims act, in relation to enactment of the coerced confession remediation act

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     the "coerced confession remediation act".

3     S 2. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 8-b of the court of claims act,  
4     as added by chapter 1009 of the laws of 1984, are amended to read as  
5     follows:

6     4. The claim shall state facts in sufficient detail to permit the  
7     court to find that claimant is likely to succeed at trial in proving  
8     that (a) he OR SHE did not commit any of the acts charged in the accusa-  
9     tory instrument or his OR HER acts or omissions charged in the accusato-  
10    ry instrument did not constitute a felony or misdemeanor against the  
11    state, and (b) he OR SHE did not by his OR HER own conduct cause or  
12    bring about his OR HER conviction, EXCLUDING ANY ALLEGEDLY INCULPATORY  
13    STATEMENT MADE OR PROVIDED BY THE CLAIMANT TO THE AUTHORITIES WHO INVES-  
14    TIGATED OR PROSECUTED CLAIMANT UNLESS INTENTIONALLY MADE OR PROVIDED IN  
15    ORDER TO IMPEDE THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION. The claim shall be  
16    verified by the claimant. If the court finds after reading the claim  
17    that claimant is not likely to succeed at trial, it shall dismiss the  
18    claim, either on its own motion or on the motion of the state.

19    5. In order to obtain a judgment in his OR HER favor, claimant must  
20    prove by clear and convincing evidence that:

21    (a) he OR SHE has been convicted of one or more felonies or misdemea-  
22    nors against the state and subsequently sentenced to a term of imprison-  
23    ment, and has served all or any part of the sentence; and

24    (b) (i) he OR SHE has been pardoned upon the ground of innocence of  
25    the crime or crimes for which he OR SHE was sentenced and which are the

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 grounds for the complaint; or (ii) his OR HER judgment of conviction was  
2 reversed or vacated, and the accusatory instrument dismissed or, if a  
3 new trial was ordered, either he OR SHE was found not guilty at the new  
4 trial or he OR SHE was not retried and the accusatory instrument  
5 dismissed; provided that the [judgement] JUDGMENT of conviction was  
6 reversed or vacated, and the accusatory instrument was dismissed, on any  
7 of the following grounds: (A) paragraph (a), (b), (c), (e) or (g) of  
8 subdivision one of section 440.10 of the criminal procedure law; or (B)  
9 subdivision one (where based upon grounds set forth in item (A) hereof),  
10 two, three (where the count dismissed was the sole basis for the impri-  
11 sonment complained of) or five of section 470.20 of the criminal proce-  
12 dure law; or (C) comparable provisions of the former code of criminal  
13 procedure or subsequent law; or (D) the statute, or application thereof,  
14 on which the accusatory instrument was based violated the constitution  
15 of the United States or the state of New York; and  
16 (c) he OR SHE did not commit any of the acts charged in the accusatory  
17 instrument or his OR HER acts or omissions charged in the accusatory  
18 instrument did not constitute a felony or misdemeanor against the state;  
19 and  
20 (d) he OR SHE did not by his OR HER own conduct cause or bring about  
21 his OR HER conviction, EXCLUDING ANY ALLEGEDLY INCULPATORY STATEMENT  
22 MADE OR PROVIDED BY THE CLAIMANT TO THE AUTHORITIES WHO INVESTIGATED OR  
23 PROSECUTED THE CLAIMANT UNLESS INTENTIONALLY MADE OR PROVIDED IN ORDER  
24 TO IMPEDE THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION.  
25 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.