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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL -- 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
26 grounds for the complaint; or (ii) his OR HER judgment of conviction was
27 reversed or vacated, and the accusatory instrument dismissed or, if a
28 new trial was ordered, either he OR SHE was found not guilty at the new

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

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