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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61
2 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for six
4 months limitation; in matters affecting government units,
5 further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity, for
6 limitations on damages and for exceptions to governmental
7 immunity and providing for claims for compensation for
8 wrongful conviction; in general administration, providing for
9 services after wrongful conviction; and, in Pennsylvania
10 Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for powers
11 and duties of department.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 5522(c) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
15 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

16 § 5522. Six months limitation.

17 * * *

18 (c) Exception.--This section shall not apply to any civil
19 action or proceeding brought under section 8522(b)(10) or (11)
20 (relating to exceptions to sovereign immunity) or 8542(b)(9) or
21 (10) (relating to exceptions to governmental immunity).

22 Section 1.1. Section 8522(b) of Title 42 is amended by

1 adding a paragraph to read:

2 § 8522. Exceptions to sovereign immunity.

3 * * *

4 (b) Acts which may impose liability.--The following acts by
5 a Commonwealth party may result in the imposition of liability
6 on the Commonwealth and the defense of sovereign immunity shall
7 not be raised to claims for damages caused by:

8 * * *

9 (11) Wrongful conviction.--A wrongful conviction for
10 which claims may be brought under section 8583 (relating to
11 petition for compensation).

12 Section 2. Section 8528(d) of Title 42 is amended to read:

13 § 8528. Limitations on damages.

14 * * *

15 (d) Exclusions.--This section shall not apply to damages
16 awarded under section 8522(b) (10) or (11).

17 Section 3. Section 8542(b) of Title 42 is amended by adding
18 a paragraph to read:

19 § 8542. Exceptions to governmental immunity.

20 * * *

21 (b) Acts which may impose liability.--The following acts by
22 a local agency or any of its employees may result in the
23 imposition of liability on a local agency:

24 * * *

25 (10) Wrongful conviction.--A wrongful conviction for
26 which a claim may be brought under section 8583 (relating to
27 petition for compensation).

28 * * *

29 Section 4. Chapter 85 of Title 42 is amended by adding a
30 subchapter to read:

1 SUBCHAPTER D

2 CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION FOR WRONGFUL CONVICTION

3 Sec.

4 8581. Scope of subchapter.

5 8582. Eligibility to seek compensation for wrongful conviction.

6 8583. Petition for compensation.

7 8584. Compensation.

8 8585. Notice to Treasury.

9 8586. Statute of limitations.

10 § 8581. Scope of subchapter.

11 This subchapter relates to the provision of compensation for
12 a wrongful conviction.

13 § 8582. Eligibility to seek compensation for wrongful
14 conviction.

15 (a) General rule.--An action may be brought under this
16 subchapter to seek compensation for the wrongful conviction of
17 an individual. The claim may be brought by:

18 (1) An individual who was convicted of one or more
19 crimes for which the individual was subsequently incarcerated
20 and has served all or any part of the sentence and one of the
21 following applies:

22 (i) The conviction was dismissed, overturned,
23 reversed or vacated on direct or collateral review and
24 the charges were not refiled.

25 (ii) The conviction was dismissed, overturned,
26 reversed or vacated on direct or collateral review and
27 the individual is acquitted after retrial.

28 (iii) Both of the following apply:

29 (A) The conviction was overturned, reversed or
30 vacated on direct or collateral review and the

1 individual subsequently entered an Alford plea or
2 plea of no contest when otherwise eligible to seek
3 retrial.

4 (B) The individual alleges prima facie evidence
5 of actual innocence of the crime which resulted in
6 the conviction.

7 (iv) Both of the following apply:

8 (A) A full pardon has been issued by the
9 Governor.

10 (B) The individual alleges prima facie evidence
11 of actual innocence of the crime for which the pardon
12 was granted.

13 (2) The heirs of an individual meeting the criteria
14 under paragraph (1)(i), (ii), (iii) or (iv), if such an
15 individual is deceased, notwithstanding if the heirs are
16 residents of this Commonwealth.

17 (b) Ineligibility for compensation.--A claimant may not seek
18 compensation under this subchapter if any of the following
19 apply:

20 (1) The individual was an accomplice, coconspirator or
21 an accessory in the commission of the crime for which the
22 individual was originally convicted and meaningfully
23 participated in the crime.

24 (2) The individual was also serving a sentence for
25 another crime for which the individual was lawfully
26 incarcerated for any period of incarceration for which the
27 individual wishes to seek compensation.

28 (3) The individual committed perjury or witness
29 intimidation or fabricated evidence at the original trial. A
30 confession or admission later found to be false or a guilty

1 plea, Alford plea or a plea of no contest shall not
2 constitute perjury or fabrication of evidence.

3 (4) The individual was convicted of a lesser included
4 felony arising from the same set of facts as the crime for
5 which the individual was originally convicted. A subsequent
6 Alford plea or plea of no contest based on the same set of
7 facts as the crime for which the individual was originally
8 convicted does not bar a claimant from filing a petition.

9 § 8583. Petition for compensation.

10 (a) Generally.--A petition for compensation shall be in a
11 form and manner determined by the Supreme Court. All petitions
12 shall be filed and heard by Commonwealth Court. A proceeding
13 before Commonwealth Court shall be governed by rules established
14 by Commonwealth Court, which shall emphasize informality to the
15 greatest extent possible. A claimant shall not be required to be
16 represented or accompanied by an attorney.

17 (b) Contents of petition.--To present a claim for
18 compensation for wrongful conviction, the petition shall include
19 a statement of claim establishing the following:

20 (1) The individual meets one or more of the eligibility
21 criteria listed under section 8582 (relating to eligibility
22 to seek compensation for wrongful conviction).

23 (2) The individual was sentenced to incarceration, or to
24 confinement in an institution under section 6403 (relating to
25 court-ordered involuntary treatment), based on the wrongful
26 conviction and has served all or any part of that sentence.

27 (3) The specific dates for which the individual is
28 seeking compensation, subject to any excludable periods.

29 (4) The individual does not have ineligibility factors
30 as described under section 8582.

1 (5) The specific compensation the petitioner is
2 requesting if the petition were granted.

3 (6) Any other relevant evidence supporting the
4 claimant's actual innocence of the crime for which the
5 claimant was incarcerated, which may include:

6 (i) The filings under Subchapter B of Chapter 95
7 (relating to post conviction relief) from the case
8 showing that the claimant meets the criteria under
9 section 8582.

10 (ii) The court transcripts from the case showing
11 that the claimant meets the criteria under section 8582.

12 (iii) An explanation as to why the claimant should
13 be considered eligible to seek compensation.

14 (c) Service.--Upon receipt of a filed petition, the court
15 shall forward a copy of the petition to the prosecuting entity
16 which may be either:

17 (1) the district attorney in the district where the
18 individual was prosecuted; or

19 (2) the Office of Attorney General if the individual was
20 prosecuted by the Office of Attorney General.

21 (d) Rebuttable presumption.--A complete and filed petition
22 complying with subsection (b) as determined by the court shall
23 create a rebuttable presumption of eligibility for compensation
24 under this subchapter. The prosecuting entity must prove by
25 clear and convincing evidence that the petitioner is ineligible
26 under this subchapter. Upon receipt of service, the prosecuting
27 entity shall have 20 days to respond to the petition, stating
28 either:

29 (1) The prosecuting entity agrees that the petitioner
30 meets the eligibility for compensation and declines to oppose

1 the claim.

2 (2) The prosecuting entity disagrees that the petitioner
3 meets the eligibility for compensation and requests a hearing
4 to present evidence to oppose the claim.

5 (e) Hearings.--

6 (1) If a hearing is requested by the prosecuting entity,
7 the court shall schedule a hearing as soon as possible,
8 provided the petitioner and the prosecuting entity have at
9 least 15 days' notice.

10 (2) If the court determines a hearing is necessary to
11 determine a petitioner's eligibility and entitlement to
12 compensation, the court may schedule a hearing if the
13 petitioner and the prosecuting entity have at least 15 days'
14 notice.

15 (3) If the court denies a petition without having held a
16 hearing, the court shall provide notice to the petitioner and
17 the prosecuting entity that the petitioner has 15 days from
18 the date of the notice to request a hearing. Upon receipt of
19 a petitioner's request, the court shall schedule a hearing as
20 soon as possible, if the petitioner and the prosecuting
21 entity have at least 15 days' notice.

22 (4) Following any hearing on a petition for compensation
23 where evidence is presented, the court shall determine
24 whether the petitioner was wrongfully convicted, which means:

25 (i) The petitioner meets one or more of the
26 eligibility criteria under section 8582(a)(1).

27 (ii) The petitioner does not have any ineligibility
28 factors under section 8582(b).

29 (iii) The court is satisfied of the petitioner's
30 actual innocence of the crime for which the petitioner

1 was incarcerated.

2 (5) Following any hearing on a petition for
3 compensation, the court shall state its finding for the
4 record. A petitioner who is determined to have been
5 wrongfully convicted as described in paragraph (4) shall be
6 entitled to compensation under section 8584 (relating to
7 compensation).

8 (f) Granting petition.--The court shall grant the petition
9 on the merits of the claim if unopposed by the prosecuting
10 entity and the court is satisfied that the petitioner meets the
11 eligibility requirements and is not subject to the ineligibility
12 factors of section 8582. If a hearing was held, the court shall
13 state its findings of the petitioner's eligibility and
14 entitlement to compensation in its order granting or denying the
15 petition. In an order granting the petition, the court shall
16 also order compensation under section 8584.
17 § 8584. Compensation.

18 (a) Granting of petition.--If Commonwealth Court grants a
19 petition and enters an order in favor of the petitioner:

20 (1) The court shall order the following:

21 (i) Statutory noneconomic damages, as adjusted by
22 subsection (c), of \$100,000 for each year of imprisonment
23 or involuntary treatment while awaiting a sentence of
24 death.

25 (ii) Statutory noneconomic damages, as adjusted by
26 subsection (c), of \$75,000 for each year of imprisonment
27 or involuntary treatment for any other sentence.

28 (iii) Statutory noneconomic damages, as adjusted by
29 subsection (c), of \$50,000 for each year spent on parole
30 or probation.

1 (2) The court may order the following if requested by
2 the petitioner:

3 (i) Reimbursement of unreimbursed costs, fines, fees
4 or surcharges imposed on the petitioner as a result of
5 the conviction which were paid by or on behalf of the
6 petitioner.

7 (ii) Reimbursement of unreimbursed restitution paid
8 by the petitioner because of the conviction.

9 (iii) Compensation for reasonable reintegrative
10 services and mental and physical health care costs
11 incurred by the petitioner for the period between the
12 petitioner's release from incarceration or involuntary
13 treatment and the date of the petitioner's award.

14 (iv) Separation services and programs available to
15 any other individual leaving incarceration.

16 (v) Reasonable attorney fees for obtaining the
17 dismissal, overturning, reversal or vacation of the
18 underlying conviction, calculated at 10% of the damage
19 awarded plus expenses. Exclusive of expenses, the fees
20 may not exceed \$75,000, as adjusted annually to account
21 for inflation from the effective date of this section,
22 unless the court approves an additional amount for good
23 cause. The fees may not be deducted from the compensation
24 awarded to the claimant nor may counsel receive
25 additional fees from the client for this matter.

26 (vi) Reasonable attorney fees and expenses for
27 obtaining compensation under this section. The fees may
28 not be deducted from the compensation awarded to the
29 claimant, nor may counsel receive additional fees from
30 the client for this matter.

1 (vii) Compensation to individuals entitled to child
2 support payments owed by the petitioner that became due
3 and interest on child support arrearages that accrued
4 during the time the petitioner was wrongfully
5 incarcerated but were not paid. The compensation shall be
6 provided out of the total statutory noneconomic damages
7 awarded to the petitioner under this section.

8 (b) Statutory noneconomic damages.--If statutory noneconomic
9 damages are awarded, the following shall apply:

10 (1) The payment of damages shall be prorated for partial
11 years of imprisonment.

12 (2) The payment of damages shall be to or for the
13 benefit of the petitioner as elected by the petitioner.

14 (3) For a deceased individual who was wrongfully
15 convicted, the payment of damages may be to or for the
16 benefit of the heirs of the deceased individual. Damages
17 awarded shall be distributed pursuant to a valid will or
18 trust or, if no valid will or trust exists, to the heirs in
19 the proportion the heirs would receive the personal estate of
20 the decedent in the case of intestacy. Damages awarded may
21 not be paid to creditors of the deceased individual under the
22 statutes of this Commonwealth.

23 (4) The payment of damages may be in a lump sum or as an
24 annuity as chosen by the petitioner.

25 (5) Compensation awarded under this subchapter shall not
26 be considered income for the purpose of computing the tax
27 imposed under Article III of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,
28 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

29 (6) The petitioner shall not receive compensation for
30 any period during which the petitioner was also serving a

1 sentence for another crime for which the petitioner was
2 lawfully incarcerated.

3 (c) Adjustment of statutory noneconomic damages.--Beginning
4 in 2024, and every year thereafter, the Court Administrator of
5 Pennsylvania shall determine the percentage increase or decrease
6 in the cost of living for the previous calendar year, based on
7 changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
8 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland
9 area as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
10 United States Department of Labor. The increases or decreases
11 shall be made in accordance with the following:

12 (1) On or before July 1 of the year in which the Court
13 Administrator of Pennsylvania makes the determination
14 required under this subsection, the Court Administrator of
15 Pennsylvania shall adjust the amounts prescribed under
16 subsection (a) (1) and (2) for the following calendar year by
17 multiplying the amounts applicable to the calendar year in
18 which the adjustment is made by the percentage amount
19 determined under this subsection.

20 (2) The adjustment may not exceed 3% for any year.

21 (3) The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania shall round
22 the adjusted limitation amount to the nearest \$100. The
23 unrounded amount shall be used to calculate the adjustments
24 to the amounts in subsequent calendar years.

25 (4) The adjusted amounts shall become effective on July
26 1 of the year in which the adjustment is made and apply to
27 claims filed under this section on or after July 1 of that
28 year and before July 1 of the subsequent year.

29 (5) The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania shall submit
30 notice of the adjusted amounts to the Legislative Reference

1 Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the
2 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

3 (d) Civil offset and reimbursement.--If the petitioner
4 receives a monetary award against the Commonwealth or any
5 political subdivision of the Commonwealth in a civil action for
6 wrongful conviction or imprisonment for the crimes at issue in
7 the petition or has entered into a settlement agreement with the
8 Commonwealth or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth
9 for wrongful conviction or imprisonment for the crimes at issue
10 in the petition, the following shall apply:

11 (1) The acceptance by the claimant of a judicial award,
12 compromise or settlement, other than an award for wrongful
13 conviction, shall be in writing and shall, except if procured
14 by fraud, be final and conclusive on the claimant and
15 completely bar any further action by the claimant against the
16 Commonwealth on the same subject matter.

17 (2) The total award of statutory noneconomic damages
18 under this subchapter shall be reduced by the sum of the
19 monetary award received in the civil action or settlement
20 agreement, less attorney fees, expenses and out-of-pocket
21 costs paid by the petitioner in connection with obtaining the
22 civil action award or settlement.

23 (3) If the petitioner has already received compensation
24 under this subchapter and subsequently receives a monetary
25 award in a civil action or settlement, the petitioner shall
26 reimburse the Commonwealth for the sum of the statutory
27 noneconomic damages awarded under this section, less attorney
28 fees, expenses and out-of-pocket costs paid by the petitioner
29 in obtaining the civil action award or settlement, up to the
30 full amount awarded under the petition.

1 (4) Expenses incurred by the Commonwealth or any of its
2 agencies or political subdivisions, including expenses
3 incurred to secure the petitioner's custody or involuntary
4 treatment under section 6403 (relating to court-ordered
5 involuntary treatment), or to feed, clothe or provide medical
6 services for the petitioner while imprisoned and the value of
7 any goods or services provided to the petitioner under 61
8 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 Subch. E (relating to services after wrongful
9 conviction) shall not be subject to reimbursement under this
10 subsection.

11 (e) Records.--Immediately following the grant of a petition,
12 the criminal history record information related to the crimes
13 for which the petition was granted shall be unavailable
14 consistent with the provisions related to limited access of
15 criminal history record information under 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 9121
16 (relating to general regulations) and 9122.2 (relating to clean
17 slate limited access) and shall have the same effect as provided
18 for under 18 Pa.C.S. § 9122.5 (relating to effects of expunged
19 records and records subject to limited access). The court shall
20 notify the petitioner of the right to request a copy of the
21 complete record of conviction and an automatic expungement of
22 the related criminal history record information. The petitioner
23 shall have two years from the date of the grant of the petition
24 to request a copy of the conviction record and an automatic
25 expungement. The petitioner may request a copy of the record in
26 a manner determined by the court.

27 § 8585. Notice to Treasury.

28 Following a ruling by Commonwealth Court on a claim brought
29 under this subchapter, the court shall provide a copy of the
30 order to the State Treasurer with a statement of the total

1 compensation due and owing to the petitioner and any other
2 person. Upon receipt of the notice, the State Treasurer's office
3 shall contact the petitioner and counsel for the petitioner to
4 make arrangements for payment.

5 § 8586. Statute of limitations.

6 (a) Filing.--Except as provided under subsection (b), an
7 action brought under this subchapter to seek compensation for
8 the wrongful conviction of an individual must be filed within
9 six years of the date of release from incarceration or
10 involuntary treatment or the reversal of the conviction,
11 whichever is later. Any action by the Commonwealth challenging
12 or appealing the grant of judicial relief shall toll the six-
13 year period.

14 (b) Commencement of action.--Notwithstanding subsection (a)
15 or any other provision of law, an individual convicted,
16 incarcerated and released from custody prior to the effective
17 date of this section must commence an action under this
18 subchapter no later than two years after the effective date of
19 this section.

20 Section 5. Chapter 11 of Title 61 is amended by adding a
21 subchapter to read:

22 SUBCHAPTER E

23 SERVICES AFTER WRONGFUL CONVICTION

24 Sec.

25 1181. Scope of subchapter.

26 1182. (Reserved).

27 1183. Eligibility for services after wrongful conviction.

28 1184. Services.

29 1185. Regulations and rules.

30 § 1181. Scope of subchapter.

1 This subchapter relates to the provision of services to a
2 wrongfully convicted individual after release.

3 § 1182. (Reserved).

4 § 1183. Eligibility for services after wrongful conviction.

5 An individual released from incarceration in a State
6 correctional institution or from court-ordered involuntary
7 treatment who meets the eligibility criteria under 42 Pa.C.S. §
8 8582(a)(1) (relating to eligibility to seek compensation for
9 wrongful conviction) shall be entitled to and the Commonwealth
10 shall provide each service under section 1184 (relating to
11 services).

12 § 1184. Services.

13 The Commonwealth shall provide the following services to
14 eligible individuals under section 1183 (relating to eligibility
15 for services after wrongful conviction):

16 (1) Services and programs at community corrections
17 centers and group homes under 37 Pa. Code § 94.3 (relating to
18 procedures for participation in prerelease programs).

19 (2) General assistance under 55 Pa. Code § 141.61
20 (relating to policy).

21 (3) Medical assistance for categorically needy, under
22 the following:

23 (i) 55 Pa. Code § 165.41 (relating to eligibility
24 for special allowances for supportive services).

25 (ii) 55 Pa. Code § 165.42 (relating to advance
26 provision of special allowances for supportive services).

27 (iii) 55 Pa. Code § 165.43 (relating to requests for
28 special allowances for supportive services and time
29 frames for eligibility determinations).

30 (iv) 55 Pa. Code § 165.44 (relating to verification

1 for special allowances for supportive services).

2 (v) 55 Pa. Code § 165.45 (relating to time frames
3 for authorization of special allowances for supportive
4 services).

5 (vi) 55 Pa. Code § 165.46 (relating to types of
6 special allowances for supportive services).

7 § 1185. Regulations and rules.

8 (a) Temporary regulations.--

9 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order
10 to facilitate the prompt implementation of this act, the
11 department, the Department of Human Services and the Board of
12 Pardons may issue temporary regulations. The following apply:

13 (i) The department shall issue the temporary
14 regulations within six months of the effective date of
15 this subsection. Regulations adopted after the six-month
16 period shall be promulgated as provided by statute.

17 (ii) Notice of the temporary regulations shall be
18 transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
19 publication in the next available issue of the
20 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

21 (iii) The department shall post the temporary
22 regulations on its publicly accessible Internet website.

23 (iv) The temporary regulations shall expire no later
24 than two years following publication of the temporary
25 regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

26 (2) The temporary regulations under paragraph (1) shall
27 be exempt from the following:

28 (i) Section 612 of the act of April 9, 1929
29 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
30 1929.

1 (ii) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act
2 of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the
3 Commonwealth Documents Law.

4 (iii) Sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of
5 October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the
6 Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

7 (iv) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181),
8 known as the Regulatory Review Act.

9 (b) Contents of regulations.--

10 (1) Within 120 days of the effective date of this
11 subsection, the department shall promulgate temporary
12 regulations to ensure that the Department of Human Services
13 receives identifying information for each individual who is
14 eligible for services under section 1183 and to ensure that
15 each individual is provided with:

16 (i) An application form for benefits under this
17 section.

18 (ii) An emergency stipend.

19 (iii) Notice of the ability to seek compensation as
20 provided under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 85 Subch. D (relating to
21 claims for compensation for wrongful conviction).

22 (2) Within 120 days of the effective date of this
23 subsection, the Department of Human Services shall promulgate
24 temporary regulations to implement the provision of benefits
25 under this section. The regulations shall include:

26 (i) Creation of an application for benefits.

27 (ii) Designation of an individual to process
28 application forms for benefits that are received by the
29 Department of Human Services, including ensuring that a
30 determination of eligibility for benefits does not

1 preclude the Commonwealth from opposing a determination
2 of eligibility for compensation under 42 Pa.C.S. § 8583
3 (relating to petition for compensation).

4 (iii) Drafting of procedures and guidelines for
5 making determinations on applications.

6 (iv) Requiring determinations to be made within 14
7 days of receipt of an application.

8 (3) Within 120 days of the effective date of this
9 subsection, the Board of Pardons shall promulgate temporary
10 regulations to ensure that the Department of Human Services
11 receives identifying information for each individual who,
12 after having been released from incarceration or court-
13 ordered involuntary treatment, is pardoned of the charges
14 underlying the incarceration and to ensure that each
15 individual is provided with:

16 (i) An application form for benefits under this
17 section.

18 (ii) An emergency stipend.

19 (iii) Notice of the ability to seek compensation as
20 provided under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 85 Subch. D.

21 (c) Permanent regulations.--Prior to the expiration of the
22 temporary regulations, the department, the Department of Human
23 Services and the Board of Pardons shall propose for approval
24 permanent regulations as provided by statute. The proposed
25 permanent regulations shall be consistent with subsection (b)
26 and may be the same as the temporary regulations.

27 (d) Rules of court administration.--Within 120 days of the
28 effective date of this subsection, the Court Administrator of
29 Pennsylvania shall propose rules of judicial administration for
30 adoption under the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration

1 to ensure that the Department of Human Services receives
2 identifying information for each wrongfully convicted individual
3 as may be available in one of the unified judicial system case
4 management systems.

5 Section 6. Section 6171(a) of Title 61 is amended by adding
6 a paragraph to read:

7 § 6171. Powers and duties of department.

8 (a) Powers and duties.--The department shall have the
9 following powers and duties:

10 * * *

11 (24) Assist the transition of an individual who has been
12 exonerated and ensure access to the services and programs
13 provided to individuals paroled under section 6132 (relating
14 to specific powers of board involving offenders).

15 * * *

16 Section 7. This act shall take effect in 60 days.