SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## **SENATE BILL NO. 886**

**102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY** 

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASHINGTON.

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 650.058, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to restitution for individuals who are actually innocent.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 650.058, RSMo, is repealed and two new 2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 3 490.800 and 650.058, to read as follows:

490.800. 1. Notwithstanding the sovereign immunity of 2 the state, any individual who was found guilty of a felony 3 in a Missouri court and was later determined to be actually 4 innocent of such offense as a result of any evidentiary 5 method except DNA profiling analysis may be paid 6 restitution. The individual may receive an amount of one 7 hundred dollars per day for each day of postconviction 8 incarceration for the offense for which the individual is 9 determined to be actually innocent. The petition for the 10 payment of such restitution shall be filed with the 11 sentencing court. For the purposes of this section, the 12 term "actually innocent" shall mean: The individual was convicted of a felony for which 13 (1) a final order of release was entered by the court; 14 15 (2) All appeals of the order of release have been 16 exhausted; 17 The individual was not serving any term of a (3)

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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19 sentence for which he or she is determined to be actually 20 innocent, unless such individual was serving another 21 concurrent sentence because his or her parole was revoked by a court or the parole board in connection with the offense 22 23 for which the person has been exonerated. Regardless of 24 whether any other basis may exist for the revocation of the 25 person's probation or parole at the time of conviction for 26 the offense for which the person is later determined to be 27 actually innocent, when the court's or the parole board's 28 sole stated reason for the revocation in its order is the 29 conviction for the offense for which the person is later determined to be actually innocent, such order shall, for 30 31 purposes of this section only, be conclusive evidence that 32 the person's probation or parole was revoked in connection 33 with the offense for which the person has been exonerated; 34 and

35 (4) The evidentiary method demonstrates the person's
 36 innocence of the offense for which the person is in custody.

37 Any individual who receives restitution under this section 38 shall not also receive restitution under section 650.058 for 39 the same offense the person was determined to be actually innocent and shall be prohibited from seeking any civil 40 redress from the state, its departments and agencies, or any 41 42 employee thereof, or any political subdivision or its employees. This section shall not be construed as a waiver 43 44 of sovereign immunity for any purposes other than the 45 restitution provided for herein. The department of corrections shall determine the aggregate amount of 46 restitution owed during a fiscal year. If insufficient 47 moneys are appropriated each fiscal year to pay restitution 48 to such persons, the department shall pay each individual 49

50 who has received an order awarding restitution a pro rata 51 share of the amount appropriated. Provided sufficient 52 moneys are appropriated to the department, the amounts owed to such individual shall be paid on June thirtieth of each 53 subsequent fiscal year, until such time as the restitution 54 55 to the individual has been paid in full. No individual 56 awarded restitution under this subsection shall receive more 57 than thirty-six thousand five hundred dollars during each 58 fiscal year. No interest on unpaid restitution shall be awarded to the individual. No individual who has been 59 60 determined by the court to be actually innocent shall be responsible for the costs of care under section 217.831. 61

62 2. A petition for payment of restitution under this section may be filed only by the individual determined to be 63 64 actually innocent or the individual's legal guardian. No 65 claim or petition for restitution under this section may be 66 filed by the individual's heirs or assigns. An individual's right to receive restitution under this section is not 67 assignable or otherwise transferrable. The state's 68 obligation to pay restitution under this section shall cease 69 70 upon the individual's death. Any beneficiary designation 71 that purports to bequeath, assign, or otherwise convey the 72 right to receive such restitution shall be void and 73 unenforceable.

74 3. An individual who is determined to be actually innocent of an offense under this section shall 75 automatically be granted an order of expungement from the 76 77 court in which he or she pled quilty or was sentenced to expunge from all official records all recordations of his or 78 79 her arrest, plea, trial, or conviction. Upon the court's 80 granting the order of expungement, the records and files maintained in any administrative or court proceeding in an 81

associate or circuit division of the court shall be 82 83 confidential and available only to the parties or by order 84 of the court for good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status he or she 85 86 occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction as if 87 such event had never taken place. No person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any 88 89 provision of any law to be quilty of perjury or otherwise 90 giving a false statement by reason of his or her failure to 91 recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, 92 or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him or her for any purpose whatsoever, and no such inquiry shall be 93 made for information relating to an expungement under this 94 95 section.

650.058. 1. Notwithstanding the sovereign immunity of 2 the state, any individual who was found guilty of a felony in a Missouri court and was later determined to be actually 3 4 innocent of such crime solely as a result of DNA profiling 5 analysis may be paid restitution. The individual may 6 receive an amount of one hundred dollars per day for each day of postconviction incarceration for the crime for which 7 the individual is determined to be actually innocent. 8 The 9 petition for the payment of said restitution shall be filed 10 with the sentencing court. For the purposes of this section, the term "actually innocent" shall mean: 11

12 (1) The individual was convicted of a felony for which13 a final order of release was entered by the court;

14 (2) All appeals of the order of release have been15 exhausted;

16 (3) The individual was not serving any term of a
17 sentence for any other crime concurrently with the sentence
18 for which he or she is determined to be actually innocent,

19 unless such individual was serving another concurrent 20 sentence because his or her parole was revoked by a court or 21 the parole board in connection with the crime for which the person has been exonerated. Regardless of whether any other 22 basis may exist for the revocation of the person's probation 23 or parole at the time of conviction for the crime for which 24 25 the person is later determined to be actually innocent, when 26 the court's or the parole board's sole stated reason for the revocation in its order is the conviction for the crime for 27 28 which the person is later determined to be actually innocent, such order shall, for purposes of this section 29 only, be conclusive evidence that [their] the person's 30 31 probation or parole was revoked in connection with the crime for which the person has been exonerated; and 32

(4) Testing ordered under section 547.035, or testing
by the order of any state or federal court, if such person
was exonerated on or before August 28, 2004, or testing
ordered under section 650.055, if such person was or is
exonerated after August 28, 2004, demonstrates a person's
innocence of the crime for which the person is in custody.

39 Any individual who receives restitution under this section 40 shall be prohibited from seeking any civil redress from the state, its departments and agencies, or any employee 41 42 thereof, or any political subdivision or its employees. This section shall not be construed as a waiver of sovereign 43 immunity for any purposes other than the restitution 44 provided for herein. The department of corrections shall 45 determine the aggregate amount of restitution owed during a 46 fiscal year. If insufficient moneys are appropriated each 47 fiscal year to pay restitution to such persons, the 48 49 department shall pay each individual who has received an

50 order awarding restitution a pro rata share of the amount 51 appropriated. Provided sufficient moneys are appropriated 52 to the department, the amounts owed to such individual shall be paid on June thirtieth of each subsequent fiscal year, 53 until such time as the restitution to the individual has 54 been paid in full. However, no individual awarded 55 restitution under this subsection shall receive more than 56 57 thirty-six thousand five hundred dollars during each fiscal year. No interest on unpaid restitution shall be awarded to 58 59 the individual. No individual who has been determined by the court to be actually innocent shall be responsible for 60 the costs of care under section 217.831. 61

62 2. If the results of the DNA testing confirm the
63 person's guilt, then the person filing for DNA testing under
64 section 547.035, shall:

(1) Be liable for any reasonable costs incurred when
conducting the DNA test, including but not limited to the
cost of the test. Such costs shall be determined by the
court and shall be included in the findings of fact and
conclusions of law made by the court; and

70 (2) Be sanctioned under the provisions of section71 217.262.

72 3. A petition for payment of restitution under this 73 section may [only] be filed **only** by the individual 74 determined to be actually innocent or the individual's legal 75 guardian. No claim or petition for restitution under this 76 section may be filed by the individual's heirs or assigns. An individual's right to receive restitution under this 77 section is not assignable or otherwise transferrable. 78 The 79 state's obligation to pay restitution under this section shall cease upon the individual's death. Any beneficiary 80 designation that purports to bequeath, assign, or otherwise 81

82 convey the right to receive such restitution shall be void 83 and unenforceable.

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84 4. An individual who is determined to be actually innocent of a crime under this chapter shall automatically 85 be granted an order of expungement from the court in which 86 he or she pled guilty or was sentenced to expunge from all 87 official records all recordations of his or her arrest, 88 89 plea, trial or conviction. Upon the court's granting of the 90 order of expungement, the records and files maintained in 91 any administrative or court proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the court shall be confidential and 92 93 [only] available **only** to the parties or by order of the 94 court for good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status he or she occupied 95 prior to such arrest, plea or conviction and as if such 96 97 event had never taken place. No person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any 98 provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise 99 100 giving a false statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction 101 or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him or her 102 for any purpose whatsoever, and no such inquiry shall be 103 made for information relating to an expungement under this 104 105 section.

106 5. Any individual who receives restitution under
107 section 490.800 shall not also receive restitution under
108 this section for the same offense the individual was
109 determined to be found actually innocent.

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