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79th ALA Girls Nation Congress 2026

S.B. (All CAPS and Centered)

IN THE SENATE OF ALA GIRLS NATION (All CAPS and Centered)

July 2026 (Centered)

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Senators **Doe** and **Smith** of Maine introduced the following bill; which was referred to Committee.

A BILL (All CAPS, Bold, and Centered)

To redeem the freedoms to those wrongly accused of a crime.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF ALA GIRLS NATION ASSEMBLED. (Italics, CAPS, period at the end)

SECTION 1. TITLE

This act may be cited as the “Exonerated Rights Renewal Act.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The Exonerated Rights Renewal Act will assist the wrongly accused with life after exoneration.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Rights pertain to all constitutional rights the citizen possessed prior to the faulty accusation. An exonerated citizen is one who was convicted of a crime and then later proved innocent.

SECTION 4. EXONERATED RIGHTS RENEWAL ACT

The Exonerated Rights Renewal Act entails that:

- (A) The wrongly determined court’s associated body of government will provide:
 - (1) Exonerated citizens with funding until employed however for no longer than 18 months.
 - (a) Funding would be the equivalent of Social Services determined need for survival.
 - (2) Up to three years of counseling for exonerated citizens.
- (B) If the citizen is serving concurrent sentences for multiple charges and only one charge is exonerated then the time they formerly spent serving will count towards another sentence.
- (C) The federal government will provide loan services to those who demonstrate proficient need.
- (D) This act applies to all court convictions.
- (E) This act requires all arrangements to be completed prior to release.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall be effective for all citizens of the United States wrongly accused of a crime on or after January 1, 2027.

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