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LC 0097 (Dated 1/12/26) Relating to wrongful convictions

Modifies provisions relating to petitions for compensation for wrongful conviction. Creates a new post-conviction relief petition process when a person has a conviction that is based on expert testimony, expert evidence or expert opinion derived from specified discredited forensic science disciplines.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

LC 0106 (Dated 1/12/26) Relating to Public Safety

Expands the crime of aggregated harassment to include subjecting a public official to alarm by conveying to the public official or a member of the official's family a threat to inflict serious physical injury on the official or official's family member under specified circumstances, and defines 'public official.'

Clarifies a magistrate's authority to consider primary and secondary release criteria when making a release decision, including community safety and the risk of failure to appear, and that the authority is not affected by a standing order.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

LC 0143 (Dated 1/12/26) Relating to Civil Litigation

Allows a ski area to enforce a release of liability signed by a skier; creates statutory safety duties for ski area operators; makes a violation of a statutory duty negligence, if

the violation causes the injury. Applies the changes to claims that arise on or after the Act's effective date.