

Existing law provides for compensation for wrongfully convicted persons.

Prior law provided that compensation shall be calculated at a rate of \$15,000 per year of incarceration, not to exceed a total of \$150,000.

New law changes prior law from \$15,000 per year to \$25,000 per year and from \$150,000 total to \$250,000 for physical harm and injury suffered by the petitioner to be paid at a rate of \$25,000 annually.

Prior law required the petitioner to be compensated \$40,000 for the loss of life opportunities.

New law changes the amount of compensation for loss of life opportunities in prior law from \$40,000 to \$80,000.

Prior law provided for compensation for the costs of job-skills training for one year and for the appropriate medical and counseling services for three years.

New law requires payment of the costs of job-skills training for three years and for the appropriate medical and counseling services for six years.

New law provides that any petitioner who has been awarded compensation by the court on or after Sept. 1, 2005, and prior to Sept. 1, 2011, may file a petition seeking supplemental compensation. The petitioner shall file a petition seeking supplemental compensation on or before Sept. 1, 2012, or be forever barred from filing a supplemental petition.

Effective September 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.8(H)(2)(intro. para.), (a), and (b); Adds R.S. 15:572.8(Q))