

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 745

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides group health coverage for individuals wrongfully convicted

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:572.8(R), relative to compensation for wrongful conviction and  
3 imprisonment; to provide that a person awarded compensation shall be entitled to  
4 Office of Group Benefits health coverage; to provide for applicability; to provide for  
5 the contributions of the recipient; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.8(R) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §572.8. Compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment; petition process;  
9 compensation; proof; assignment of powers and duties

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11 R. A person entitled to compensation as authorized by the provisions of this  
12 Section is also eligible to participate in the Office of Group Benefits health care  
13 benefits as if the person were an employee of the state pursuant to the provisions of  
14 R.S. 42:808 and 851. The provisions of this Subsection shall not entitle the person's  
15 spouse or other dependent or family member to group health benefit plan coverage  
16 pursuant to R.S. 42:808 and 851. Coverage may be obtained under the provisions  
17 of this Subsection for life. A person who elects to obtain coverage pursuant to this  
18 Subsection shall pay a monthly contribution equal to a person who is entitled to  
19 participate in the Office of Group Benefits health care benefits pursuant to the  
20 provisions of R.S. 42:808 and 851.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that persons wrongfully convicted and awarded compensation shall be eligible for Office of Group Benefits health insurance.

Present law provides for compensation for wrongfully convicted persons.

Present law provides for procedures for obtaining compensation following a wrongful conviction.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that a person entitled to compensation for a wrongful conviction and incarceration shall be eligible to participate in the Office of Group Benefits health care benefits as if the person were an employee of the state. Provides for coverage for the life of such persons and provides for payment of premiums.

Proposed law further provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not entitle the person's spouse or other dependent or family member to group health benefit plan coverage.

(Adds R.S. 15:572.8(R))