

~~determination by clear and convincing evidence that the convictions of the individuals are in error and that the individuals are innocent of did not commit the crime; defining certain terms; prohibiting the Board of Public Works from paying any part of a certain grant to any individuals other than certain individuals eligible to receive the grant under certain circumstances; altering a certain statement in a pardon required to rebut a certain presumption authorizing the Board of Public Works to grant a reasonable amount for any financial or other appropriate counseling for an individual who is erroneously convicted, sentenced, and imprisoned under State law for a crime the individual did not commit if the individual received a certain pardon from the Governor; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to damages for certain individuals erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined under State law.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article — Correctional Services~~

~~Section 7-601(e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1999 Volume and 2002 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 10-501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

~~**Article — Correctional Services**~~

~~7-601.~~

~~(e) There is a presumption that the grantee of a pardon was lawfully and properly convicted of a crime against the State unless the order granting the pardon states that the grantee has been shown [conclusively] BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE to have been convicted in error.~~

Article – State Finance and Procurement

10-501.

(a) ~~(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) (I) "ECONOMIC DAMAGES" MEANS LOSS OF EARNINGS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES.~~

~~(II) "ECONOMIC DAMAGES" DOES NOT INCLUDE PUNITIVE DAMAGES.~~