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HB 127: Compensation of Permanent Fund Dividends for Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment

Sectional Analysis

Section 1

(i) Establishes that individuals whose convictions have been vacated or reversed and either dismissed or retried and found not guilty are eligible to receive the permanent fund dividend for each year the individual was ineligible while incarcerated

(j) Sets the time frame for individuals being able to apply for permanent fund dividend compensation at no later than within 120 days after a dismissal or not guilty finding.

Section 2

Amends AS 43.23.025(a), which involves the calculation of the annual value for the PFD, under subsection (C) to include (i) of section 1 of this Bill, which would factor the compensation of Permanent Fund Dividends for wrongful convictions into the calculation of the annual PFD values.

Section 3

Amends uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section that states that those who are eligible for PFD compensation as defined under section 1 of this bill, yet have had their conviction overturned before this act takes place, will have 120 days from its effective date to apply for the PFD.