

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1586 **Patron:** Ware
Bill Title: Michael Haas; compensation for wrongful inclusion on sex offender registry.

Bill Summary: Michael Haas; compensation for wrongful inclusion on sex offender registry. Provides that any person receiving an award for wrongful incarceration for a felony conviction on and after January 1, 2023, shall receive, in addition to the compensation for the wrongful incarceration, not less than \$30,000 for each year or fraction thereof (i) of imprisonment after being sentenced to death or (ii) that such person was required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry. Current law allows such additional compensation only for persons receiving an award for wrongful incarceration for a felony conviction on and after January 1, 2024. The bill grants relief in an amount to be appropriated to Michael Haas, who was wrongly convicted of forcible sodomy and, as a result of such wrongful conviction, required to wrongfully register on the sex offender registry after release from incarceration.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 261 of HB 1600

Explanation: The bill directs that “there is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state treasury the sum of an amount to be provided in the appropriation act for the relief of Michael Haas...” A budget amendment would be required to appropriate such relief.

Fiscal Summary: Based on the Treasury’s calculations using Mr. Haas’s dates of wrongful registration on the sex offender registry after release from incarceration, the bill directs an amount of \$134,045 in the appropriation act for the relief of Mr. Haas from the general fund of the Treasury.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
Treasury	-	\$134,045	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	\$134,045	-	-	-	-

Fiscal Analysis:

The bill would provide relief to Michael Haas. Mr. Haas was found to have been wrongfully incarcerated and was compensated for the time he was incarcerated through appropriation in Chapter 1, 2023 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. Mr. Haas was also wrongfully required to register on the sex offender registry, and this legislation is intended to compensate him for the time he was wrongfully registered, after release from incarceration. Per calculations performed by the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) based on Mr. Haas’s dates of registration, he would be entitled to \$134,045 under the provisions of this legislation. The bill also amends the date in § 8.01-195.11.A.2 from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2023, to accurately reflect the

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compensation awarded to Mr. Haas for being wrongfully incarcerated. Any amount for such compensation would need to be appropriated in the Appropriation Act from the general fund of the Treasury to make the payment.

Other: None.