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HOUSE BILL NO. 1812

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A BILL for the relief of William E. McQueen.

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Whereas, on or about May 29, 2001, William E. McQueen (Mr. McQueen) was arrested in the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia, and charged with two counts of § 18.2-172 (uttering) and two counts of § 18.2-178 (obtaining money under false pretenses); and

Whereas, Mr. McQueen was unable to post bond and therefore was held in the City of Colonial Heights jail facility until trial; and

Whereas, Mr. McQueen pleaded not guilty to the charges and requested a jury trial; and

Whereas, after hearing the evidence, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty; and

Whereas, Mr. McQueen was released from custody on September 5, 2002, after the acquittal; and

Whereas, Mr. McQueen consistently and adamantly maintained his innocence from the moment of his arrest until his release more than 16 months later; and

Whereas, Mr. McQueen's life was disrupted and he was publicly humiliated as a result of his arrest and being held in custody; and

Whereas, William E. McQueen has no other means to obtain adequate relief except by action of this body; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That there shall be paid for the relief of William E. McQueen from the general fund of the state treasury, upon execution of a release of all claims he may have against the Commonwealth or any agency, instrumentality, officer, employee, or political subdivision in connection with the aforesaid occurrence, the sum of \$8,576 to be paid to William E. McQueen on or before August 1, 2007, by check issued by the State Treasurer on warrant of the Comptroller.

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