

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4019

To amend title 28, United States Code, to adjust the penalty for unjust conviction and imprisonment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2021

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JONES, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. CARSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Exonerees
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PENALTY FOR UNJUST CONVICTION AND IMPRIS-**
2 **ONMENT.**

3 Section 2513 of title 28, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (e), by striking “\$50,000” and
6 inserting “\$70,000”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(f) The amount of damages awarded under sub-
9 section (e) shall be adjusted for inflation annually, based
10 on the Consumer Price Index.”.

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