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	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate House
1	Representative Brutus offered the following:
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3	Amendment to Amendment (362603) (with title amendment)
4	Between lines 208 and 209 insert:
5	Section 8.
6	(1) A person convicted of a crime may at any time petition
7	the court for postsentencing DNA testing on physical evidence
8	collected in connection with the case.
9	(2) The court shall order postsentencing testing only if
10	the convicted person asserts under oath that he or she is
11	innocent of the offense, and establishes that exculpatory
12	results of the requested DNA testing would create a reasonable
13	probability that, if the test results had been admitted at
14	trial, the person would have been acquitted or received a lesser
15	sentence.
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16	(3) If a petitioner was convicted pursuant to a plea of
17	guilty, in to obtain an order for DNA testing under this
18	section, he or she must first demonstrate to the court that
19	there is a likelihood that the plea was entered under
20	circumstances that render it suspect, or the court finds that
21	the interests of justice warrant the requested testing.
22	(4) All government entities shall continue to preserve
23	physical evidence that may be subjected to postsentencing DNA
24	testing until the person convicted of the crime is no longer
25	incarcerated, on probation or parole, or subject to registration
26	as a sexual offender or sexual predator.
27	(5) A motion to vacate a conviction or sentence filed
28	under Rule 3.850, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, or a
29	motion for postconviction or collateral relief filed under Rule
30	3.851, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, which is based on
31	the results of DNA testing obtained under this section, shall be
32	treated as raising a claim of newly-discovered evidence and the
33	time periods set forth in rules 3.850 and 3.851, Florida Rules
34	of Criminal Procedure, shall commence on the date that the
35	written test results are provided to the parties.
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38	Remove line 234 and insert:
39	lobbyist's fees; providing for a petition for
40	postconviction DNA testing; providing requirements for
41	orders for such testing; requiring preservation of
42	physical evidence that may be subjected to postsentencing
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43 DNA testing; providing for application of specified rules
44 of criminal procedure; providing an effective date.

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