By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to state liens on the proceeds
3	of sale of certain literary accounts and the
4	profits of sale of certain memorabilia;
5	amending s. 944.512, F.S.; defining terms
6	concerning the sale of literary accounts and
7	memorabilia by and on behalf of a convicted
8	felon; providing for a lien in favor of the
9	state on the proceeds or profits of the sale of
10	literary accounts, materials, and memorabilia
11	payable to or accruing to a convicted felon, a
12	representative of the convicted felon, or a
13	profiteer of the felony; providing for the
14	distribution of the proceeds or profits of the
15	sale of literary accounts or memorabilia;
16	clarifying that the lien provisions apply to
17	convictions in circuit court; amending s.
18	960.291, F.S.; revising definitions with
19	respect to civil restitution liens to conform
20	to changes made by the act; providing an
21	effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Section 944.512, Florida Statutes, is
26	amended to read:
27	944.512 State lien on proceeds from literary or other
28	type of account of crime for which convicted and on profits
29	from the sale of memorabilia
30	(1) As used in this section, the term:
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CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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(a) "Conviction" or "convicted," with respect to the 2 commission of a criminal offense, means a finding of quilt or the acceptance of a plea of quilty or nolo contendere, 3 4 regardless of whether adjudication was withheld. 5 (b) "Materials" means a writing, sound or video 6 recording, interview or appearance on a television or radio 7 station, or a live presentation of any kind which includes or 8 is based on the story of a felony for which a convicted felon 9 was convicted. 10 (c) "Proceeds of sale" means all fees, royalties, commissions, real or personal property, or other consideration 11 12 of any kind received by or accruing or owing to a convicted 13 felon or the representative of a convicted felon for the preparation of or for the purpose of sale of materials, for 14 the sale of the rights to materials, or the sale or 15 distribution by the convicted felon of materials, whether 16 earned, accrued, or paid before or after the conviction. The 18 term includes any interest, earnings, or accretions upon proceeds and any property received in exchange for proceeds. 19 2.0 (d) "Profits from the sale of memorabilia" means all 21 income, whether payable, accruing, or received, from anything 2.2 sold or transferred by a convicted felon, a representative of 23 a convicted felon, or a profiteer of a felony, including any right or memorabilia, the value of which thing or right is 2.4 enhanced by the notoriety gained from the commission of the 2.5 felony of which the felon was convicted. This income may be 26 27 accrued, earned, or paid before or after the conviction. The 2.8 term excludes a voluntary donation or contribution made to a defendant to assist in the defense of criminal charges which 29

was not given in exchange for something of value.

1	(e) "Profiteer of a felony" means a person who sells
2	or transfers for consideration any memorabilia or other
3	property or thing of a convicted felon, the value of which is
4	enhanced by the notoriety gained from the commission of the
5	felony of which the felon was convicted. The term excludes:
6	1. A media entity reporting on a convicted felon or
7	reporting on the sale or transfer of materials, memorabilia,
8	or other property or things belonging to a felon;
9	2. The seller or transferor of materials if the seller
10	or transferor is exercising his or her rights under the First
11	Amendment of the United States Constitution; or
12	3. The seller or transferor of any other expressive
13	work protected by the First Amendment of the United States
14	Constitution, unless the sale or transfer is primarily for the
15	purpose of economic gain.
16	(f) "Representative of a convicted felon" means a
17	person or entity receiving proceeds of sale or profits from
18	the sale of memorabilia by designation of a convicted felon,
19	on behalf of a convicted felon, or in the stead of a convicted
20	felon, whether by the convicted felon's designation or by
21	operation of law, including a person or entity to whom
22	proceeds of sale may be transferred or assigned by gift or
23	otherwise.
24	(q) "Sale" includes the lease, licensure, or any other
25	transfer or alienation that takes place in this state or
26	elsewhere.
27	(h) "Story" means a depiction, portrayal, or
28	reenactment of a felony, including a literary, cinematic, or
29	other account of a felony. The term excludes a passing mention
30	of the felony, as in a footnote or bibliography.
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shall exist in favor of the state upon the royalties, commissions, proceeds of sale, or any other thing of value payable to or accruing to a convicted felon or a person on her or his behalf, including any person to whom the proceeds may be transferred or assigned by gift or otherwise, from any literary, cinematic, or other account of the crime for which she or he was convicted. A conviction shall be defined as a guilty verdict by a jury or judge, or a guilty or nolo contendere plea by the defendant, regardless of adjudication of guilt. The lien attaches shall attach at the time of the conviction of the subject felony in county or circuit court. In the event of an appeal, the funds must will be held in the Revolving Escrow Trust Fund of the Department of Legal Affairs until the appeal is resolved.

(3) A lien prior in dignity to all others exists in favor of the state upon the profits from the sale of memorabilia. The lien attaches at the time of the conviction of the subject felony in circuit court. In the event of an appeal, the funds must be held in the Revolving Escrow Trust Fund of the Department of Legal Affairs until the appeal is resolved.

(4)(2) The <u>funds in the</u> proceeds of such account shall be distributed in the following order:

- (a) Twenty-five percent to the dependents of the convicted felon. If there are no dependents, this portion shall be distributed to the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund to be distributed as awards for crime victims.
- (b) Twenty-five percent to the victim or victims of the crime or to their dependents, to the extent of their damages as determined by the court in the lien enforcement

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proceedings. If there are no victims or dependents, or if their damages are less than 25 percent of the proceeds, this portion, or its remainder, shall be distributed to the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund to be distributed as awards to crime victims.

- paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), an amount equal to pay all court costs in the prosecution of the convicted felon, which includes shall include, but is not be limited to, jury fees and expenses, court reporter fees, and reasonable per diem for the prosecuting attorneys and public defenders for the state, shall be deposited into go to the General Revenue Fund. Additional costs shall be assessed for the computed per capita cost of imprisonment or supervision by the state or county correctional system. The Such costs shall be determined and certified by the prosecuting attorney and the imprisoning entity and subject to review by the Auditor General.
- (d) The rest, residue, and remainder to the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund to be distributed as awards to crime victims.
- (5)(3) A judge may place a lien prior in dignity to all others in favor of the state or county upon any financial settlement payable to or accruing to a convicted felon offender or a representative of a convicted felon person on her or his behalf, as a result of injury incurred during or at the time of a violation of the state law, or as a result of an attempt to flee apprehension for the offense for which the offender was convicted. A conviction is defined as in subsection (1). The lien shall be attached by order of the judge at the time of the conviction in county or circuit court. In the event of an appeal, the funds shall be held in

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the Revolving Escrow Trust Fund of the Department of Legal Affairs until the appeal is resolved.

- (6)(4) The <u>financial settlement must</u> proceeds of such account shall be distributed in the following order:
- (a) Payment of all medical care, treatment, hospitalization, and transportation resulting from $\underline{\text{the}}$ said injury.
- (b) Payment to the victim or victims of the crime or to their dependents, to the extent of their damages as determined by the court in the lien enforcement proceeding.
- (c) Payment of all court costs in the prosecution of the convicted felon, which <u>includes shall include</u>, but <u>is</u> not be limited to, jury fees and expense, court reporter fees, and reasonable per diem for the prosecuting attorneys and public defenders.
- (d) Payment of cost of incarceration in state or county facilities.
 - (e) The rest, residue, remainder to the injured party.
- (7)(5) The department shall is hereby authorized and directed to report to the Department of Legal Affairs the existence or reasonably expected existence of circumstances that which would be covered by this section. Upon such notification, the Department of Legal Affairs is authorized and directed to take such legal action as is necessary to perfect and enforce the lien created by this section.
- Section 2. Section 960.291, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 28 960.291 Definitions.--When used in this act, the term:
- 29 (1) "Civil restitution lien" means a lien <u>that</u> which
 30 exists in favor of crime victims, the state, its local
 31 subdivisions, or <u>an</u> aggrieved party and <u>that</u> which attaches

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against the real or personal property owned by a convicted offender.

- (2) "Convicted offender" means a defendant who has a conviction as defined herein entered against the defendant in the courts of this state.
- (3) "Conviction" means a <u>finding of quilt or the</u> acceptance of a plea of quilty or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld guilty verdict by a jury or judge, or a guilty or nolo contendere plea by a defendant, regardless of adjudication of guilt.
- (4) "Crime victim" means the victim of a crime and includes the aggrieved party, the aggrieved party's estate if the aggrieved party is deceased, and the aggrieved party's next of kin if the aggrieved party is deceased as a result of the conduct of a convicted offender. For the purposes of this act, the term "crime victim" does not include any person who participated in the criminal conduct or criminal episode resulting in the conviction.
 - (5) "Damages or losses" includes:
- (a) Damage or loss to \underline{a} any crime victim which is caused by the conduct of a convicted offender. This amount shall be determined by the court, as provided for in s. 960.293.
- (b) Damage or loss to the state and its local subdivisions which is caused by imposition of a convicted offender's sentence.
- 1. The Such damage or loss to the state and its local subdivisions includes the costs of incarceration and other correctional costs in connection with the implementation of a state court's sentence. This cost shall be determined by the court, as provided for in s. 960.293.

2. The Such damage or loss to the state does shall not 2 include those costs on conviction for which the defendant may be held liable under chapter 939. 3 (6) "Local subdivisions" means local subdivisions of 4 the State of Florida which maintain correctional facilities. 5 such as counties that maintain county correctional facilities 7 or counties that provide funds directly or indirectly for the maintenance of correctional facilities within the county. 8 (7) "Real or personal property" includes any real or 9 personal property owned by the convicted offender, or that a 10 person possesses on the convicted offender's behalf, 11 12 including, but not limited to, any royalties, commissions, 13 proceeds of sale or profits from the sale of memorabilia, as defined in s. 944.512, or any other thing of value accruing to 14 the convicted offender, or a person on the convicted 15 offender's behalf. The term "real or personal property" 16 17 specifically includes any financial settlement or court award 18 payable or accruing to a convicted offender or to a person on behalf of the convicted offender. \underline{A} No civil restitution lien 19 created pursuant to the provisions of this act may not be 20 21 foreclosed on real property $\underline{\text{that}}$ which is the convicted 22 offender's homestead under s. 4, Art. X of the State 23 Constitution. (8) "Sentence" means the court-imposed sentence of a 2.4 convicted offender. 2.5 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 26 27

1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 562
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4 - Revises the wording from the "sale or transfer of materials if the seller" to the "seller or transf	materials if the seller" to the "seller or transferor
5 6	of materials if the seller or transferor for purposes of creating a more grammatically parallel phrase.
7	 Revises wording which creates an exception for the sale or transfer of expressive works so that the wording is more consistent to the definition of a "profiteer of a
8 felony." The amended phrase substitutes "for	felony." The amended phrase substitutes "for the purpose of economic gain" for the phrase "a commercial or
9	speculative purpose" to more clearly characterize expressive works not falling under the exception created by this provision.
11	- Adds public defender costs to the costs that may be
12	recovered with the prosecution of a convicted felon so that the language is consistent with other provisions
13	referring to the distribution of funds accruing to the state that are proceeds from the convicted felon's sale of materials and memorabilia as well as financial
14	settlements.
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