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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to restitution in criminal cases; amending s. 775.089, F.S.; requiring that the restitution awarded to the victim of a crime be credited against any civil remedy to the extent that the restitution is actually collected by the victim; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 775.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

775.089 Restitution.--

- (8) (a) The conviction of a defendant for an offense involving the act giving rise to restitution under this section shall estop the defendant from denying the essential allegations of that offense in any subsequent civil proceeding.
- (b) An order of restitution under this section does hereunder will not bar any subsequent civil remedy or recovery, but the amount of such restitution actually collected shall be credited set off against any subsequent independent civil award recovery.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.