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In Senate, January 4, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln.

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Cosponsored by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset, Representative BREWER of Boothbay Harbor and Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

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Resolve, to Allow Tyron Gray to Sue the State.



Tyron N. Gray; authorized to sue the State. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any statute or common law to the contrary, Tyron N. Gray, who claims to have incurred damages as a result of his involvement with and assistance to the Maine State Police from October 1986 through September 1988 and in May of 1989, is authorized to bring suit against the State. Mr. Gray alleges that promises and agreements made by officers of the Maine State Police to fully protect and support his family while he was employed as a drug agent and informant, and thereafter, were not kept. Tyron N. Gray is now seeking to recover compensation for financial losses incurred during that time, including punitive damages, and for relocation and reestablishment of his family in safer surroundings.

This action is to be brought in the Superior Court for the County of Lincoln within one year from the passage of this resolve, against the State for damages, if any, and the conduct of this action shall be according to the practice of actions and proceedings between parties in the Superior Court. The liabilities of the parties and elements of damages, if any, shall be the same as liabilities and elements of damage as between individuals. The complaint issuing out of the Superior Court under the authority of this resolve shall be served on the Secretary of State by attested copy by the sheriff or the sheriff's deputies in any county in the State of Maine. The Attorney General is authorized and designated to appear, answer and defend this action.

Any judgment that may be recovered in this civil action shall be payable from the State Treasury on final process issued by the Superior Court. Recovery shall include financial losses for the Tyron N. Gray family incurred during October 1986 through September 1988 and in May of 1989, punitive damages, the costs of relocating and reestablishing the Gray family in safer surroundings, plus any court costs and attorney's fees.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve authorizes Tyron N. Gray to bring a civil action against the State for damages resulting from his involvement with and assistance to the Maine State Police.