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House Bill 4121

Sponsor: Rep. Deborah Whyman

Committee: Judiciary

Complete to 2-10-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4121 AS INTRODUCED 1-28-97

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to prohibit those convicted of any felony, misdemeanor, or ordinance violation from beginning or maintaining civil lawsuits for damages arising out of the incident from which the conviction arose. Courts would be required to dismiss "with prejudice" (that is, as though the action had been decided against the plaintiff) any such prohibited lawsuits, though the statute of limitations for bringing a prohibited lawsuit would be suspended ("tolled") while an appeal of the criminal conviction was pending. The bill would apply only to convictions that took place after the bill took effect.

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