

Wilmington, Delaware
January 15, 2026

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WHEREAS, Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 58 (SS 1 for SB 58), titled An Act to

Sponsor:

Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, seeks to modernize

**Council
Member
Darby**

Delaware's post-conviction legal framework; and

WHEREAS, SS 1 for SB 58 would provide a legal remedy for individuals convicted of

Co-Sponsors:

crimes when significant changes in forensic scientific or technical information occur that were

**Council
Members
Owens
Oliver**

not available at the time of trial or that undermine forensic evidence presented at trial. Under the bill, an individual convicted of a crime may apply to the Superior Court for post-conviction relief based on newly available or scientifically advanced forensic evidence, including evidence that could not have been presented through reasonable diligence during the original proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council recognizes that ensuring fairness, correcting potential wrongful convictions, and incorporating advancements in forensic science are essential to public confidence in the criminal justice system and the equitable administration of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON The Wilmington City Council expresses its strong support for Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 58 (SS 1 for SB 58), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, that would strengthen access to justice, protect the innocent, and uphold the integrity of Delaware's legal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilmington City Council respectfully urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to give favorable consideration to SS 1 for SB 58

to modernize post-conviction remedies by recognizing advances in forensic science and enabling courts to reconsider convictions in light of new evidence.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution expresses strong support for Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 58 (SS 1 for SB 58), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, that would strengthen access to justice, protect the innocent, and uphold the integrity of Delaware's legal process.