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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND  
COMPLAINTS**

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 30, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1        SECTION 1. Chapter 12-12 of the General Laws entitled "Indictments, Informations and

2        Complaints" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3        **12-12-23. Acquittal in another jurisdiction as bar to prosecution.**

4        If a violation of any criminal law is a violation of a federal law or the law of another state,

5        an acquittal under federal law or the law of another state for the same set of facts or acts shall be a

6        bar to prosecution in this state, unless there exists newly discovered evidence which would

7        substantially indicate that prosecution in this state is warranted.

8        SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This act would prohibit prosecutions for violations of criminal laws in this state if the
- 2        violation arises from the same set of facts or acts for which a defendant has been acquitted in federal
- 3        court or another jurisdiction, unless there exists newly discovered evidence substantially warranting
- 4        prosecution in this state.
- 5        This act would take effect upon passage.

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