

(a) There is hereby created in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a Board, to be known as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, to consist of [three] 4 members, no more than [two] 2 of whom shall belong to the same political party. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor, and with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member of the Board shall have been admitted to practice law in the State of Maryland for not less than five years next preceding his appointment.

(b) The term of office of each such member shall be five years, except that the members first appointed shall serve for terms of five years, four years and three years respectively. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired terms.

(c) The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall designate one member of the Board as chairman, to serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(d) The members of the Board shall devote such time as is necessary to perform the duties imposed upon them. They shall receive an annual salary as may be provided in the annual budget.

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The Board, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services as set forth in Article 41 of this Code, shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To establish and maintain an office and appoint A CLAIMS EXAMINER, a secretary, clerks, and such other employees and agents as may be necessary, such employees to be subject to the provisions of Article 64A, titled Merit System, and prescribe their duties.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 519

(Senate Bill 360)

AN ACT concerning