

CHAPTER 120

(Senate Bill 639)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

FOR the purpose of providing that certain individuals who are victims of a federal crime committed in this State may receive compensation under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act under certain conditions; ~~clarifying--that compensation--is--awarded--for--psychological--injuries--as--well--as--physical--injuries;~~ clarifying that compensation may be awarded for funeral expenses and ~~lost--wages~~ mental health counseling; authorizing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to waive the ineligibility of certain family members to receive compensation under certain conditions; providing for reassignment of cases by the chairman; making certain technical stylistic changes; generally relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act; and providing for the effective date and applicability of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act
Section ~~1~~, 2, 5, 7, 8(a), and 12(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

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~~The legislature recognizes that many innocent persons suffer personal--physical--injury,--PSYCHOLOGICAL--INJURY, or death as a result of criminal acts or in their efforts to prevent--crime--or apprehend--persons--committing--or--attempting--to--commit--crimes. Such persons or their dependents may thereby--suffer--disability, incur--financial--hardships--or--become--dependent--upon--public assistance. The legislature finds and determines that there is a need for government financial--assistance--for--such--victims--of--crime. Accordingly, it is the legislature's intent that aid, care and support be provided by the State, as a matter--of--moral responsibility, for such victims of crime.~~

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For the purpose of this article: