CHAPTER 312

(Senate Bill 249)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Funeral Expenses

FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to pay funeral expenses; authorizing the Board to reimburse certain funeral expenses of deceased criminal victims; and generally relating to payment of funeral expenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act Section 5 Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 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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- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the following persons shall be eligible for awards pursuant to this article:
 - (1) A victim of a crime;
- (2) A surviving spouse or child of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime;
- (3) Any other person dependent for principal support upon a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime;
- (4) Any person who is injured or killed while trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony;
- (5) A surviving spouse or child of any person who dies as a direct result of trying to prevent a crime or an attempted crime from occurring in his presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime in his presence or had, in fact, committed a felony;
- (6) Any other person dependent for his principal support upon any person who dies as a direct result of trying to