

decide a claim; setting forth the conditions under which a claimant may request a hearing; granting the Secretary certain powers in regard to board decisions; providing that the Secretary's decision is final under certain circumstances; providing that the claimant may receive certain information under certain conditions; repealing the authority of the full board to hear and decide a claim; abolishing the Secretary's authority to appeal an award in the circuit court; establishing a limit on certain types of awards; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act
Section 3, 8, 10, 11, and 12
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act
Section 9
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1987 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

3.

(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 [3] 5 members, no more than [2] 4 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.