authorizing the Board to negotiate settlements with health care providers under certain conditions; repealing the termination of a provision that requires a certain cost be imposed in certain types of cases; and generally relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

Section 4(b), 6, 8, 11, and 12 12, and 17

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

Section 17 and 17A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 396 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995

Section 3

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

4.

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

(b) To adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind suitable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and purposes of this article, including PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF CLAIMS, AND rules for the approval of attorneys' fees for representation before the Board or before the court upon judicial review as hereinafter provided.

6.

- (a) A claim may be filed by a person eligible to receive an award, as provided in § 5 of this article, or if such person is under eighteen years of age, by his parent or guardian. In any case in which the person entitled to make a claim is mentally incompetent, the claim may be filed on his behalf by his guardian or such other individual authorized to administer his estate.
 - (b) (1) A claim must be filed by the claimant not later than:
- (i) 180 days after the occurrence of the crime upon which the claim is based; or