compensation provisions to include the motor vehicle crimes of "hit and run" and "fleeing and eluding." The bill also eliminates the standard of "serious financial hardship" by which the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board grants awards and updates, as specified, the applicable schedule of benefits for disability awards by the Board.

House Bill 504, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 243.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 243

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation - Claimants and Awards

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of crime to include certain motor vehicle crimes for purposes of determining eligibility for criminal injuries compensation; allowing eertain family members parents, children, or spouses who reside with certain persons to be eligible for certain criminal injuries compensation awards; altering the circumstances under which the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board may make an award for a crime or delinquent act resulting in certain psychological injury; eliminating certain financial hardship requirements relating to criminal injury compensation; allowing the Board to make an award for repairing, replacing, or cleaning property under certain circumstances; establishing a certain monetary limit on the award the Board is allowed to make for repairing, replacing, or cleaning property; allowing the Board to make an award for certain disability or dependency claims; establishing certain limits for certain counseling for certain family members parents, children, or spouses of certain persons; and generally relating to criminal injuries compensation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Procedure

Section 11-801, 11-808(a), 11-810, and 11-811

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ___(S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 20-102, 20-104, 21-902, and 21-904

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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