

Annotated Code of Maryland
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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

1.

The legislature recognizes that many innocent persons suffer personal physical OR 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.

2.

For the purpose of this article:

- (a) "Board" means the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.
- (b) "Claimant" means the person filing a claim pursuant to this article.

(c) ["Crime" means an act committed by any person in this State which would be a crime under the laws of this State, federal law, or at common law, provided, however, that no act involving the operation of a vessel or motor vehicle which results in injury shall constitute a crime for the purpose of this article unless the injuries were intentionally inflicted through the use of a vessel or motor vehicle.]

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
"CRIME" MEANS AN ACT:

~~(1)~~ (I) COMMITTED BY ANY PERSON IN THIS STATE WHICH IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER STATE, FEDERAL, OR COMMON LAW;

~~(2)~~ (II) COMMITTED IN ANOTHER STATE AGAINST A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE WHICH IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER STATE, FEDERAL, OR COMMON LAW;

~~(3)~~ (III) OF OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF § 21-902(A), (B), (C), OR (D) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; OR

~~(4)~~ (IV) OF OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL WHICH RESULTS IN INJURY WHICH WAS INTENTIONALLY INFLICTED.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(III) AND (IV) OF THIS SUBSECTION, "CRIME" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ACT INVOLVING THE OPERATION OF A VESSEL OR MOTOR VEHICLE.