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(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) [A claim must be filed by the claimant not later than one hundred and eighty days after the occurrence of the crime upon which such claim is based, or not later than one hundred and eighty days after the death of the victim, provided, however, that upon good cause shown, the Board may extend that time for filing for a period not exceeding two years after such occurrence.]

(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

(II) 180 DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE VICTIM.

(2) THE BOARD MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR FILING UP TO 2 YEARS AFTER EACH OCCURRENCE FOR GOOD CAUSE.

(3) IN CASES OF CHILD ABUSE, A CLAIM MAY BE FILED UP TO 2 YEARS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE WAS KNOWN OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN BY THE CLAIMANT.

(c) Claims shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the Board in person or by mail. The secretary shall accept for filing all claims submitted by persons eligible under subsection (a) of this section and alleging the jurisdictional requirements set forth in this article and meeting the requirements as to form in the rules and regulations of the Board.

(d) Upon filing of a claim pursuant to this article, the Board shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the county, or Baltimore City, as the case may be, wherein the crime is alleged to have occurred. If, within ten days after such notification, the State's Attorney so notified advises the Board that a criminal prosecution is pending upon the same alleged crime, the Board shall defer all proceedings under this article until such time as such criminal prosecution has been concluded and shall so notify such State's Attorney and the claimant. When such criminal prosecution has been concluded, the State's Attorney shall promptly so notify the Board. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the Board to grant emergency awards as hereinafter provided.

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An award may not be made on a claim unless the claimant has incurred a minimum out-of-pocket loss of one hundred dollars or has lost at least two continuous weeks' earnings or support. Out-of-pocket loss means [reimbursed] UNREIMBURSED and