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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CRIME INJURIES COMPENSATION

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Hearn, Fox, Naughton, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 09, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12-25-21.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-25 entitled
2 "Criminal Injuries Compensation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **12-25-21.1. Emergency fund for victims. --** (a) The office may award emergency
4 compensation under this chapter for the: (1) ~~burial~~ Burial expenses of a victim who dies as a
5 direct result of a violent crime as defined in this chapter; (2) Cost of the crime scene clean up; and
6 (3) Relocation expenses.

7 (b) The award for emergency compensation shall be awarded at the sole discretion of the
8 program administrator. The administrator may promulgate rules and regulations to administer the
9 provisions of this section.

10 (c) An award for emergency compensation for burial expenses shall not exceed the sum
11 of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

12 (d) An award for emergency compensation for crime scene clean up shall not exceed two
13 thousand dollars (\$2,000).

14 (e) An award for emergency compensation for relocation costs shall not exceed two
15 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

16 ~~(d)~~(f) The award for emergency compensation for burial expenses, crime scene clean up,
17 and relocation costs shall be deducted from the final award. In the event the victim is not eligible
18 for an award, the victim shall repay the amount of the emergency award to the fund.

19 ~~(e) The office may award emergency compensation for the cost of crime scene clean up.~~

1 ~~The crime scene clean up shall be limited to the cost of cleaning the blood from the crime scene.~~
2 ~~The total emergency compensation for crime scene clean up shall not exceed one hundred fifty~~
3 ~~dollars (\$150) per hour and shall not exceed the total amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).~~

4 (f)(g) Any payments made for the emergency compensation shall be deducted from the
5 final award. In no event shall the final award exceed the maximum award of twenty-five thousand
6 dollars (\$25,000).

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make changes to the crime injuries compensation fund, allowing for the
2 recovery of crime scene clean ups and relocation.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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