

HOUSE BILL 3671

By Turner J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to compensation for
persons who are exonerated.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-108(a)(7), is amended by deleting the first sentence of subdivision (B) and substituting the following:

Any amount awarded shall be payable in equal monthly installments until paid in full, unless the person requests that the compensation be commuted to a lump sum payment or the person dies prior to receipt of the full amount.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-108(a)(7), is further amended by deleting subdivision (D) in its entirety and substituting the following:

(D) Upon motion of the claimant or in the discretion of the board, all or a portion of the compensation payable monthly under this subdivision (a)(7) shall be commuted to a lump sum payment. Any claimant who is awarded compensation under this subdivision (a)(7), including any claimant who was awarded such compensation prior to the effective date of this act, may file a motion for commutation to a lump sum at any time that any compensation remains payable to the claimant, unless the board has funded an annuity contract on the claimant's behalf pursuant to subdivision (a)(7)(E).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.