## **SENATE BILL 638**

## By Robinson

## AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9; Title 29, Chapter 13; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to crime victim compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-106(a), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() Expenses actually and reasonably incurred as the result of the victim traveling

to and from medical appointments directly related to an offense, as defined in § 29-13-

104, committed against the victim;

() Reasonable living expenses, including rent, food, and utilities, incurred by the

victim for a period of no more than two (2) months while recovering from injuries

sustained as a direct result of an assault committed upon the victim;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to claims arising from crimes committed on or after that date.