

{House Bill 703}

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Awards

FOR the purpose of providing that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board may not make an award unless funds are appropriated and available for the full amount of the award; providing for the payment of a multiyear award; and providing for the reversion of awards in certain cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act
Section 12 (a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

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(a) (1) No award shall be made unless the Board or Board members, as the case may be, finds that (1) a crime was committed, (2) such crime directly resulted in personal physical injury to, or death of the victim, and (3) police records show that such crime was promptly reported to the proper authorities; and in no case may an award be made where the police records show that such report was made more than forty-eight hours after the occurrence of such crime unless the Board, for good cause shown, finds the delay to have been justified. The Board, upon finding that any claimant or award recipient has not fully cooperated with all law enforcement agencies, may deny or withdraw any award, as the case may be.

(2) AN AWARD MAY NOT BE MADE UNLESS FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED AND AVAILABLE FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE AWARD. IF A MULTIYEAR AWARD IS MADE, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE AWARD SHALL BE OBLIGATED AND HELD FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE PAYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AWARD. IF PAYMENT OF THE AWARD IS TERMINATED FOR ANY REASON SUBSEQUENT TO JUNE 30 OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE AWARD WAS MADE, THE REMAINDER OF THE AWARD SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.
