

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

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(a) There is hereby created in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a Board, to be known as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, to consist of [4] 3 members, no more than 2 of whom shall belong to the same political party. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor, and with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member of the Board shall have been admitted to practice law in the State of Maryland for not less than five years next preceding his appointment.

(b) The term of office of each such member shall be five years, except that the members first appointed shall serve for terms of five years, four years and three years respectively. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired terms.

(c) The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall designate one member of the Board as chairman, to serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(d) The members of the Board shall devote such time as is necessary to perform the duties imposed upon them. They shall receive an annual salary as may be provided in the annual budget.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

May 31, 1983

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1525.