

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 114—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE)

PREFILED JANUARY 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning compensation to victims of crime. (BDR 16-624)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to victims of crime; extending the time to appeal the denial of a claim for compensation to a victim of crime; providing for balances to remain within the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill extends the time to appeal a compensation officer's denial
2 of a claim seeking compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of
3 Crime from 15 to 60 days. **Section 2** of this bill provides that any remaining money
4 in the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime at the end of the fiscal year
5 must remain within the Fund and must not be reverted to the State General Fund.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 217.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 217.110 1. Upon receipt of an application for compensation,
3 the compensation officer shall review the application to determine
4 whether the applicant qualifies for compensation. The compensation
5 officer shall deny the claim within 5 days after receipt of the
6 application if the applicant's ineligibility is apparent from the facts
7 stated in the application. The applicant may appeal the denial to a
8 hearing officer within ~~15~~ 60 days after the decision. If the hearing



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1 officer determines that the applicant may be entitled to
2 compensation, the hearing officer shall order the compensation
3 officer to complete an investigation and render a decision pursuant
4 to subsection 2. If the hearing officer denies the appeal, the
5 applicant may appeal to an appeals officer pursuant to
6 NRS 217.117.

7 2. If the compensation officer does not deny the application
8 pursuant to subsection 1, or if he is ordered to proceed by the
9 hearing officer, he shall conduct an investigation and, except as
10 otherwise provided in subsection 4, render a decision within 60 days
11 after his receipt of the application or order. If in conducting his
12 investigation the compensation officer believes that:

13 (a) Reports on the previous medical history of the victim;

14 (b) An examination of the victim and a report of that
15 examination;

16 (c) A report on the cause of death of the victim by an impartial
17 medical expert; or

18 (d) Investigative or police reports,

19 ➔ would aid him in making his decision, the compensation officer
20 may order the reports.

21 3. Upon the request of a compensation officer pursuant to
22 subsection 2 for investigative or police reports which concern a
23 minor who committed a crime against the victim, a juvenile court or
24 a law enforcement agency shall provide the compensation officer
25 with a copy of the requested investigative or police reports. Any
26 reports obtained by a compensation officer pursuant to this
27 subsection are confidential and must not be disclosed except upon
28 the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

29 4. When additional reports are requested pursuant to subsection
30 2, the compensation officer shall render a decision in the case,
31 including an order directing the payment of compensation, if
32 compensation is due, within 15 days after receipt of the reports.

33 **Sec. 2.** NRS 217.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 217.260 1. Money for payment of compensation as ordered
35 by the Board and for payment of salaries and other expenses
36 incurred by the Department of Administration pursuant to NRS
37 217.010 to 217.270, inclusive, must be paid from the Fund for the
38 Compensation of Victims of Crime, which is hereby created. Money
39 in the Fund must be disbursed on the order of the Board in the same
40 manner as other claims against the State are paid. The Board shall
41 estimate quarterly:

42 (a) The revenue in the Fund which is available for the payment
43 of compensation; and

44 (b) The anticipated expenses for the next quarter.



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1 ➡ If the estimated expenses for the quarter exceed the available
2 revenue, all claims paid in that quarter must be reduced in the same
3 proportion as the expenses exceeded the revenue.

4 2. Money deposited in the Fund which is recovered from a
5 forfeiture of assets pursuant to NRS 200.760 and the interest and
6 income earned on that money must be used for the counseling and
7 medical treatment of victims of crimes committed in violation of
8 NRS 200.366, 200.710, 200.720, 200.725, 200.730 or 201.230.

9 3. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund
10 for the Compensation of Victims of Crime, after deducting any
11 applicable charges, must be credited to the Fund.

12 4. *Any money remaining in the Fund for the Compensation*
13 *of Victims of Crime at the end of each fiscal year does not revert to*
14 *the State General Fund and must be carried over into the next*
15 *fiscal year.*

16 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

