

SENATE BILL NO. 230—SENATOR BROWER (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 9, 2015

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the payment of compensation to certain victims of crime. (BDR 16-1038)

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; removing the limitation on the amount of compensation that may be awarded to certain victims of crime, the dependents of those victims and certain members of the victim's household; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime.  
2 (NRS 217.260) The victims of certain crimes, the dependents of those victims and  
3 certain members of the victim's household may apply to the State Board of  
4 Examiners for compensation from the Fund for certain expenses and losses, not to  
5 exceed \$100,000 per award, except that the Board may approve an additional award  
6 of not more than \$50,000 after considering the amount of money remaining in the  
7 Fund and the particular circumstances of the victim. (NRS 217.100, 217.160,  
8 217.200) This bill removes the limit on the total amount of compensation that may  
9 be awarded.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 217.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 217.200 1. The compensation officer may order the payment  
3 of compensation and the award of a Governor's certificate for  
4 meritorious citizen's service to a victim for:  
5 (a) Medical expenses, expenses for psychological counseling  
6 and nonmedical remedial care and treatment rendered in accordance



1 with a religious method of healing that are actually and reasonably  
2 incurred as a result of the personal injury or death of the victim;

3 (b) Loss of earnings or support that is reasonably incurred as a  
4 result of the total or partial incapacity of the victim for not longer  
5 than 52 weeks;

6 (c) Pecuniary loss to the dependents of a deceased victim;

7 (d) Funeral expenses that are actually and reasonably incurred as  
8 a result of the death of the victim; and

9 (e) Another loss which results from the personal injury or death  
10 of the victim and which the compensation officer determines to be  
11 reasonable.

12 2. The compensation officer may order the payment of  
13 compensation for a person who pays the funeral expenses of a  
14 victim.

15 ~~{3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, an award~~  
16 ~~must not be made for more than \$100,000.~~

17 ~~—4. Upon approval of the Board, an additional award of not~~  
18 ~~more than \$50,000 may be made to a victim. Before approving such~~  
19 ~~an additional award, the Board must consider the amount of money~~  
20 ~~remaining in the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime~~  
21 ~~created pursuant to NRS 217.260 and the particular circumstances~~  
22 ~~of the victim.]~~

