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HOUSE BILL NO. 677

Offered January 19, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-368.18 of the Code of Virginia, relating to crime victim compensation.*

Patrons—Almand, Connally, Darner and Plum

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 19.2-368.18 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 19.2-368.18. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

A. There is hereby created a special fund to be administered by the Comptroller, known as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

B. Where any person is convicted, after July 1, 1993, by a court with criminal jurisdiction of (i) treason or any other felony or (ii) any offense punishable as a misdemeanor under Title 18.2 *or pursuant to local ordinance modeled after a misdemeanor under Title 18.2*, with the exception of a public drunkenness violation, a cost shall be imposed in addition to any other costs required to be imposed by law. This additional cost shall be thirty dollars in any case under clause (i) and twenty dollars in any case under clause (ii) of this subsection. Such additional sum shall be paid over to the Comptroller to be deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Under no condition shall a political subdivision be held liable for the payment of this sum.

C. No claim shall be accepted under the provisions of this chapter when the crime which gave rise to such claim occurred prior to July 1, 1977.

D. Sums available in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund shall be used for the purpose of payment of the costs and expenses necessary for the administration of this chapter and for the payment of claims pursuant to this chapter.

E. All revenues deposited into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and appropriated for the purposes of this chapter, shall be immediately available for the payment of claims.

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