

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act for the relief of Gracie Calloway.*

3 [H 87]

4 Approved

5 Whereas, in January of 1995 Barbara Hardy, the daughter of Gracie Calloway, died in an apartment  
6 fire which occurred in the City of Roanoke; and7 Whereas, the fire marshal for the City of Roanoke in 1995 ruled that the fire appeared to have been  
8 slow-burning and of a type consistent with fires caused by dropped cigarettes, and was therefore an  
9 accident; and10 Whereas, a subsequent investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF)  
11 determined the fire was caused by a Molotov cocktail thrown through a window of the residence and  
12 therefore Hardy was murdered; and

13 Whereas, the fire marshal has deferred to the finding of the ATF on the cause of the fire; and

14 Whereas, Ms. Calloway filed a claim with the Crime Victims' Compensation Program for  
15 reimbursement of funeral expenses; and16 Whereas, the Crime Victims' Compensation Program denied the claim because it was not received  
17 within two years after the occurrence; and18 Whereas, because of the fire marshal's initial determination that the fire was an accident, Ms.  
19 Calloway was ineligible for the victim compensation at the time of Ms. Hardy's death; and

20 Whereas, Ms. Calloway has incurred funeral expenses totaling \$2,079.67; and

21 Whereas, Gracie Calloway has no means to recover the expenses she incurred except by action of  
22 this body; now, therefore,23 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**24 **1.** *§ 1. That there is hereby appropriated from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund the sum of*  
25 *\$2,079.67 for the relief of Gracie Calloway to be paid by check issued by the State Treasurer on*  
26 *warrant of the Comptroller to Gracie Calloway upon release by her of all claims against the*  
27 *Commonwealth and its political subdivisions, agencies, instrumentalities, officers, or employees in*  
28 *connection with, or arising out of, the aforesaid occurrence.*

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