

52:4B-10.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 52:4B-10.1 (Violent Crimes Compensation Board--permit emergency awards)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 258

Bill No. A2062

Sponsor(s) Girgenti and others

Date Introduced Sept. 29, 1980

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage Yes ~~No~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~No~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~No~~

Senate Yes ~~No~~

Fiscal Note ~~Yes~~ No

Veto Message ~~Yes~~ No

Message on signing ~~Yes~~ No

Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

Sponsors' statement:

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Violent Crimes Compensation Board to provide certain victims of violent crimes with emergency awards until the board can make final determination of their cases.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2062

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 29, 1980

By Assemblymen GIRGENTI, PELLECCIA, DALTON, ZANGARI,
McENROE, KERN and EDWARDS

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety
and Defense

AN ACT concerning the compensation of victims of violent crimes
and supplementing P. L. 1971, c. 317 (C. 52:4B-1 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Violent Crimes Compensation Board may make **one or*
2 *more** emergency awards to any applicant for compensation pend-
3 ing final determination of a case, when it determines that compensa-
4 tion is likely to be provided and that the applicant will suffer undue
5 hardship if funds are not made immediately available. The amount
6 of ***[an]*** **any one** emergency award shall not exceed \$500.00
7 ***[and]*** **with** the total amount of each such award made to an
8 individual applicant ***[shall]*** not **to** exceed \$1,500.00. Any emer-
9 gency awards made to an applicant shall be deducted from the final
10 amount of compensation provided to an applicant by the board. If
11 the amount of compensation made by the board to an applicant is
12 less than the sum provided to the applicant through emergency
13 grants, the applicant shall pay to the board an amount of money
14 equal to the difference. If the board determines that an applicant
15 who has received emergency awards shall receive no compensation,
16 the applicant shall repay to the board the total amount of all
17 emergency awards which he received.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY
AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2062

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 30, 1980

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to make available emergency hardship funds for victims eligible for awards as a result of violent crimes. This would clarify any question as to the authority of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board to provide such awards which may now be present. The maximum amount of any one award shall not exceed \$500.00 with the total amount of emergency funds to an individual applicant not to exceed \$1,500.00.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2062

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 1981

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to make available emergency hardship funds for victims eligible for awards as a result of violent crimes. This would clarify any question as to the authority of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board to provide such awards which may now be present. The maximum amount of any one award shall not exceed \$500.00 with the total amount of emergency funds to an individual applicant not to exceed \$1,500.00. Testimony from the board at the Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee meeting indicated that the authority to make such emergency grants could help prevent hardships which might otherwise arise, forcing persons to go on welfare or being evicted from their homes because of inability to make rent or other payments while at the same time paying medical expenses.