

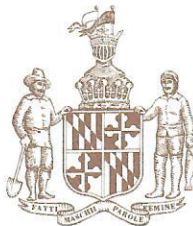
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TESTIMONY OF DELEGATE DANIEL L. COX
On HB 493, Criminal Procedure- Criminal Injures Compensation Fund
– Conditions for Awards on Claims.

Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary:

I am pleased to present a bill to provide relief to Maryland Citizens who experience costly repairs to their property.

This bill simply allows for individuals who experience property damage to make a claim to the Criminal Injures Compensation Board. Current law does not help the poor recover property damages.

This bill will authorize the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) to make an award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) to a crime victim if the crime or delinquent act directly resulted in damage to the property of the victim. The bill further requires the board to waive, for good cause shown, the requirements that (1) police, other law enforcement, or judicial records show that the crime or delinquent act or the discovery of child abuse was reported to the proper authorities within 48 hours after the occurrence of the crime or delinquent act or the discovery of the child abuse and (2) the victim has cooperated fully with all law enforcement units.

Furthermore according to the Fiscal Note, the cost of providing this form of relief would be a minimal increase to the fund.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel L. Cox'.

Daniel L. Cox
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Member of Judiciary Committee