

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 187 (Chairman, Judiciary Committee)
(Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)
Judiciary Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Criminal Injuries Compensation - Acts of Terrorism

This amended, emergency bill expands the definition of “crime” under existing Criminal Injuries Compensation provisions to include acts of international terrorism, as defined under specified federal provisions, committed against a Maryland resident outside of the U.S.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board reports that this bill is necessary for the board to continue to receive annual federal fund income under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The proposed FY 1998 State budget assumes receipt of \$253,000 in VOCA funds. It is anticipated that only one additional claim might be filed under the new terrorist act provision every four or five years, with a payment of approximately \$5,000 from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund for that claim.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Information Source(s): Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Criminal Injuries Compensation Board), Department of Fiscal Services

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