

## **Chapter 200**

**(Senate Bill 830)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Criminal Procedure – Criminal Injuries Compensation Board – Child Abuse Victims**

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which, in a case of child abuse, a certain claimant may file a claim with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; and generally relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Criminal Procedure  
Section 11–808  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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Article – Criminal Procedure  
Section 11–809(a)  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Criminal Procedure**

11–808.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the following persons are eligible for awards in the manner provided under this subtitle:

- (i) a victim;
- (ii) a dependent of a victim who died as a direct result of:

- 1. a crime or delinquent act;
- 2. trying to prevent a crime or delinquent act or an attempted crime or delinquent act from occurring in the victim's presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime or delinquent act in the victim's

presence or had committed a felony or a delinquent act that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult; or

3. helping a law enforcement officer perform the officer's duties or helping a member of a fire department who is obstructed from performing the member's duties;

(iii) any person who paid or assumed responsibility for the funeral expenses of a victim who died as a direct result of:

1. a crime or delinquent act;

2. trying to prevent a crime or delinquent act or an attempted crime or delinquent act from occurring in the victim's presence or trying to apprehend a person who had committed a crime or delinquent act in the victim's presence or had committed a felony; or

3. helping a law enforcement officer perform the officer's duties or helping a member of a fire department who is obstructed from performing the member's duties; and

(iv) 1. a parent, child, or spouse of a victim who resides with the victim; or

2. a parent, child, or spouse of an individual who is incarcerated for abuse as defined in § 4-501 of the Family Law Article and who, prior to incarceration:

A. resided with the parent, child, or spouse; and

B. provided financial support to the parent, child, or spouse.

(2) A person who commits the crime or delinquent act that is the basis of a claim, or an accomplice of the person, is not eligible to receive an award with respect to the claim.

(b) A resident of the State is eligible for an award under this subtitle if the resident becomes a victim in another state other than this State that:

(1) does not operate a criminal injuries compensation program;

(2) operates a criminal injuries compensation program for which the victim is ineligible; or

(3) operates a criminal injuries compensation program for which money has not been appropriated or made available.

(c) (1) A person eligible to receive an award under subsection (a) or (b) of this section may file a claim under this subtitle.

(2) If a person eligible to receive an award is under 18 years of age, the person's parent or guardian may file a claim under this subtitle.

(3) If a person eligible to receive an award is mentally incompetent, the person's guardian or other person authorized to administer the person's estate may file the claim on the person's behalf.

11-809.

(a) (1) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A** claimant shall file a claim not later than 3 years after the occurrence of the crime or delinquent act or the death of the victim.

(2) In a case of child abuse, a claimant may file a claim:

**(I) up to [3 years after the claimant knew or should have known of the child abuse] THE DATE THE CHILD WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE ABUSE REACHES THE AGE OF 25 YEARS; OR**

**(II) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT THERE WAS GOOD CAUSE FOR FAILURE TO FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE DATE THE CHILD WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE ABUSE REACHED THE AGE OF 25 YEARS, AT ANY TIME.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.**