

SENATE BILL 965

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of certain court costs that the Comptroller is
4 required to pay into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; and generally
5 relating to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 7–301(a) and (b)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 7–301(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 7–301.

20 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
21 court costs in a traffic case, including parking and impounding cases, cases under §
22 21–202.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1414, or § 24–111.3 of the Transportation Article in
23 which costs are imposed, and cases under § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article in which
24 costs are imposed:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Are \$22.50; and

2 (ii) Shall also be applicable to those cases in which the defendant
3 elects to waive the defendant's right to trial and pay the fine or penalty deposit established
4 by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative regulation.

5 (2) In an uncontested case under § 21-202.1, § 21-809, § 21-810, §
6 21-1414, or § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article, an uncontested case under § 10-112
7 of the Criminal Law Article, or an uncontested parking or impounding case in which the
8 fines are paid directly to a political subdivision or municipality, costs are \$2.00, which costs
9 shall be paid to and retained by the political subdivision or municipality.

10 (3) (i) In an uncontested case in which the fine is paid directly to an
11 agency of State government authorized by law to regulate parking of motor vehicles, the
12 court costs are \$2.00.

13 (ii) The fine and the costs under this paragraph shall be paid to the
14 agency, which shall receive and account for these funds as in all other cases involving sums
15 due the State through a State agency.

16 (b) (1) The court costs in a criminal case in which costs are imposed are \$22.50.

17 (e) The Comptroller shall annually pay from the court costs collected by the
18 District Court under subsections (a) and (b)(1) of this section:

19 (1) ~~[\$500,000]~~ **\$1,500,000** into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund
20 established under § 11-819 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

21 (2) \$125,000 into the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund
22 established under § 11-905 of the Criminal Procedure Article; and

23 (3) \$2,000,000 into the Maryland Police Training and Standards
24 Commission Fund established under § 3-206.1 of the Public Safety Article.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2019.