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AN ACT relating to victims of crime; increasing the amount of compensation that may be awarded to certain victims of crime, the dependents of those victims and certain members of the victim's household; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime. (NRS 217.260) The victims of certain crimes, the dependents of those victims and certain members of the victim's household may apply to the State Board of Examiners for compensation from the Fund for certain expenses and losses, not to exceed \$50,000 per award. (NRS 217.100, 217.160, 217.200) This bill increases the amount of compensation that may be awarded to \$100,000 and further authorizes an additional award of up to \$50,000 in certain circumstances.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 217.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:
217.200 1. The compensation officer may order the payment of compensation and the award of a Governor's certificate for meritorious citizen's service to a victim for:

(a) Medical expenses, expenses for psychological counseling and nonmedical remedial care and treatment rendered in accordance with a religious method of healing ~~[]~~ that are actually and reasonably incurred as a result of the personal injury or death of the victim;

(b) Loss of earnings or support that is reasonably incurred as a result of the total or partial incapacity of the victim for not longer than 52 weeks;

(c) Pecuniary loss to the dependents of a deceased victim;

(d) Funeral expenses that are actually and reasonably incurred as a result of the death of the victim; and

(e) Another loss which results from the personal injury or death of the victim and which the compensation officer determines to be reasonable.

2. The compensation officer may order the payment of compensation for a person who pays the funeral expenses of a victim.

3. ~~[A]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, an award must not be made for more than ~~[\$50,000.] \$100,000.~~*



4. Upon approval of the Board, an additional award of not more than \$50,000 may be made to a victim. Before approving such an additional award, the Board must consider the amount of money remaining in the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime created pursuant to NRS 217.260 and the particular circumstances of the victim.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

