

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0045

Crime victim compensation eligibility clarification.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crime victims compensation; providing time  
2 limits for compensation awards; authorizing the division of  
3 victim compensation to extend compensation time limits for  
4 mental health counseling and care; amending the date  
5 compensation becomes available as specified; and providing  
6 for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-40-109(d) and (e) is amended to read:

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12 **1-40-109. Standards for compensation.**

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14 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this  
15 section, the maximum individual award of compensation paid to  
16 any victim or dependent shall not exceed fifteen thousand

1 dollars (\$15,000.00). Compensation shall only be awarded for  
2 economic losses occurring within a twenty-four (24) month  
3 period from the date of the injury or discovery of the crime.  
4 However, the division may extend the twenty-four (24) month  
5 period to allow compensation for mental health counseling and  
6 care occurring within an additional twelve (12) month period  
7 for a total of thirty-six (36) months.

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9 (e) In addition to the maximum award authorized in  
10 subsection (d) of this section, in the case of catastrophic  
11 injury the division may award an additional amount not to  
12 exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the victim to  
13 cover future lost wages, special medical needs and any other  
14 special assistance needed as a result of the injury. The  
15 additional award may be made only for ~~losses and expenses~~  
16 economic losses occurring within twenty-four (24) months  
17 after the date of the injury or discovery of the crime.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.  
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21 (END)