



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2018

Legislative Document

No. 1751

S.P. 650

In Senate, December 22, 2017

An Act Regarding the Victims' Compensation Fund

Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and

Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: COREY of Windham, GROHMAN of Biddeford, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MAREAN of Hollis, NADEAU of Winslow.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-C, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 378, §6, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Cooperation.** ~~Compensation may not be paid~~ The board may deny compensation
5 in whole or in part:

6 A. To any claimant who does not fully cooperate with the board or with the
7 reasonable requests of law enforcement officers or prosecution authorities; or

8 B. To or on behalf of any person who violated a criminal law that caused or
9 contributed to the injury or death for which compensation is sought.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 Current law provides that compensation may not be paid from the Victims'
12 Compensation Fund to any claimant who does not fully cooperate with the Victims'
13 Compensation Board or with the reasonable requests of law enforcement officers or
14 prosecution authorities or to or on behalf of any person who violated a criminal law that
15 caused or contributed to the injury or death for which compensation is sought. This bill
16 provides that the board may deny compensation in whole or in part in these
17 circumstances.