WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1989

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 2408

(By Dr. Del Beaccist & Temple)

Passed April 4, 1989
In Effect from Passage
AN ACT finding and declaring certain claims for compensation of innocent victims of crimes occurring in West Virginia to be moral obligations of the state and directing the auditor to issue warrants for the payment thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

COMPENSATION AWARDS TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES.

§1. Finding and declaring certain crime victims claims for compensation to be moral obligations of the state and directing payment thereof.

The Legislature has duly considered the findings of fact and recommendations for awards reported to it by the court of claims in respect to the following named claimants who were innocent victims of crime within this state and entitled to compensation; and in respect to each of such named claimants the Legislature adopts those findings of fact as its own, hereby declares it to be the moral obligation of the state to pay each such claimant in the amount specified below, and directs the auditor to issue warrants for the payment thereof out of any fund appropriated and available for the purpose.

Claims for crime victims compensation awards:

(1) Browning, Peggy Lynn ............... $ 15,000.00
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15  (2) Carroll, Robert E., as guardian
16     of Timothy E. Carroll .................. $ 10,000.00
17  (3) Chapman, Karl Dean .................. $ 2,500.00
18  (4) Chapman, Sylvia,               
19     administratrix of the estate
20     of Hinton Richmond .................. $ 5,000.00
21  (5) Duty, Steve A. ..................... $ 10,000.00
22  (6) Duty, Steve A., as guardian of     
23     Jared Duty ........................ $ 5,000.00
24  (7) Ellis, Tammy, as guardian of    
25     Tabitha Graham ........................ $ 10,000.00
26  (8) Gandy, Bonnie ....................... $ 10,000.00
27  (9) Gandy, John E. ...................... $ 2,500.00
28  (10) Gandy, Keith Edward ............... $ 10,000.00
29  (11) Harris, Kenneth R., as guardian 
30     of Larry Ray Harris ................ $ 5,000.00
31  (12) Harris, Kenneth R., as guardian of 
32     Timothy M. Harris  .................. $ 5,000.00
33  (13) Hemingway, Debra A.,           
34     as guardian of 
35     Shasta A. Hemingway ................. $ 5,000.00
36  (14) Pennington, Tammy M ................ $ 5,000.00
37  (15) Robinson, Brian K .................. $ 1,000.00
38  (16) Smith, Sandra, as guardian 
39     of Dawn Christine Smith .............. $ 10,000.00
40  (17) Smith, Sandra, as guardian 
41     of Richard Wayne Smith ................ $ 10,000.00
42  (18) Taylor, Marcella ................... $ 5,000.00
43  (19) Taylor, Marcella,               
44     as guardian of 
45     Eleesha K. Taylor .................... $ 5,000.00
46  (20) Taylor, Marcella, as guardian 
47     of Ellis Taylor, III .................. $ 5,000.00
48  (21) Thompson, Gregg .................... $ 10,000.00
49  (22) Woods, Donald ...................... $ 10,000.00
50  (23) Wright, Guadalupe, as guardian 
51     of April Ann Adkins .................. $ 5,000.00
52  (24) Wright, Guadalupe, as guardian 
53     of Harley Joe Adkins ................ $ 5,000.00
54  TOTAL ................................ $166,000.00

The Legislature finds that the above moral obligations
and the appropriations made in satisfaction thereof shall
be the full compensation for all claimants herein.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Frederick L. Parker  
Chairman Senate Committee

Bernard V. Kelly  
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Joseph Elith  
Clerk of the Senate

Donald T. Hoop  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Nancy Peter  
President of the Senate

Robert C. Timm  
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the ______ day of April, 1989.  

Gaston Caperton  
Governor