

**HB255 ENROLLED**



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3 By Representatives Bedsole, Treadaway, Pettus, Reynolds,  
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5 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund

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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation

5 Commission; to amend Section 15-23-12, Code of Alabama 1975,

6 to further provide for the filing of claims.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 15-23-12, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§15-23-12

11 (a) Compensation shall not be awarded in any of the  
12 following circumstances:

13 (1) A claim has been filed with the commission later  
14 than ~~one year~~ two years after the injury or death upon which  
15 the claim is based, unless the commission finds there was good  
16 cause for the failure to file within that time.

17 (2) To a claimant who was the offender, or an  
18 accomplice of the offender, or who encouraged or in any way  
19 participated in the criminally injurious conduct.

20 (3) If the award would unjustly benefit the offender or  
21 accomplice of the offender.

22 (4) The criminally injurious conduct resulting in  
23 injury or death was reported to a law enforcement officer  
24 later than 72 hours after its occurrence, unless the  
25 commission finds there was good cause for the failure to  
26 report within that time.

27 (b) Compensation otherwise payable to a claimant may be  
28 diminished or denied to the extent that the economic loss is



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29 recouped from collateral sources~~r,~~ or to the extent that the  
30 degree of responsibility for the cause of the injury or death  
31 is attributable to the victim as determined by the commission.

32 (c) The commission, upon finding that the claimant or  
33 victim has not fully cooperated with appropriate law  
34 enforcement agencies, may deny, withdraw, or reduce an award  
35 of compensation.

36 (d) The commission, on its own motion or on request of  
37 the claimant, may reconsider a decision granting or denying an  
38 award or determining ~~its~~ an award amount. An order on  
39 reconsideration of an award shall not require a refund of  
40 amounts previously paid, unless the award was obtained by  
41 fraud. The right of reconsideration does not affect the  
42 finality of a commission decision for the purpose of judicial  
43 review."

44 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
45 1, 2026.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 03-Feb-26, as amended.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

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Senate **07-Apr-26**

Passed