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3 By Representatives Bedsole, Treadaway, Pettus, Reynolds,
4 Hendrix, Rehm, Stringer, Ellis
5 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund
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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission; to amend Section 15-23-12, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the filing of claims.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§15-23-12

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

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

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

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

(4) The criminally injurious conduct resulting in injury or death was reported to a law enforcement officer



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29 later than 72 hours after its occurrence, unless the
30 commission finds there was good cause for the failure to
31 report within that time.

32 (b) Compensation otherwise payable to a claimant may be
33 diminished or denied to the extent that the economic loss is
34 recouped from collateral sources~~+~~L, or to the extent that the
35 degree of responsibility for the cause of the injury or death
36 is attributable to the victim as determined by the commission.

37 (c) The commission, upon finding that the claimant or
38 victim has not fully cooperated with appropriate law
39 enforcement agencies, may deny, withdraw, or reduce an award
40 of compensation.

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

49 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
50 1, 2026.



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66 Nays 0
67 Abstains 0

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John Treadwell
Clerk