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## **An Act Regarding the Victims' Compensation Fund**

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

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

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

- A. To any claimant who does not fully cooperate with the board or with the reasonable requests of law enforcement officers or prosecution authorities; or
- B. To or on behalf of any person who violated a criminal law that caused or contributed to the injury or death for which compensation is sought.

### **SUMMARY**

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