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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1056, L.D. 1598, “An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Sex Trafficking”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Crime Victims'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 79, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Eligible expenses and losses. "Eligible expenses and losses" means expenses and losses resulting from a personal injury sustained by an individual as a direct result of a crime specified in subsection 3 and may include medical and medically related expenses, psychological or mental health counseling expenses, lost wages, funeral, burial and other homicide-related expenses and travel expenses and loss of income of a claimant or family member for providing or obtaining care for the personal injury of a minor or incapacitated victim. "Eligible expenses and losses" may include costs of eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures or other prosthetic devices taken, lost, destroyed or damaged as a result of the crime, costs to repair, replace or install locks or security devices, costs of crime scene cleanup and ~~security deposits~~ relocation expenses. Expenses and losses claimed under this subsection must be expenses or losses actually and reasonably incurred.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment clarifies that a crime victim is eligible to receive compensation from the Victims' Compensation Fund

1 for the victim's actual and reasonable relocation expenses, not just security deposits as in
2 current law.