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AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Crime Victims Compensation Act is amended by
changing Section 6.1 as follows:

(740 ILCS 45/6.1) (from Ch. 70, par. 76.1)

Sec. 6.1. Right to compensation. A person is entitled tocompensation under this Act if:

(a) Within 2 years of the occurrence of the crime, or 9 within one year after a criminal indictment of a person for 10 an offense, upon which the claim is based, he files an 11 application, under oath, with the Court of Claims and on a 12 form prescribed in accordance with Section 7.1 furnished by 13 14 the Attorney General. If the person entitled to 15 compensation is under 18 years of age or under other legal disability at the time of the occurrence or becomes legally 16 17 disabled as a result of the occurrence, he may file the application required by this subsection within 2 years 18 19 after he attains the age of 18 years or the disability is removed, as the case may be. Legal disability includes a 20 diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder. 21

(b) For all crimes of violence, except those listed in 22 23 subsection (b-1) of this Section, the appropriate law enforcement officials were notified within 72 hours of the 24 25 perpetration of the crime allegedly causing the death or 26 injury to the victim or, in the event such notification was made more than 72 hours after the perpetration of the 27 crime, the applicant establishes that such notice was 28 29 timely under the circumstances.

30 (b-1) For victims of offenses defined in Sections
31 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, and 12-16 of the Criminal
32 Code of 1961, the appropriate law enforcement officials

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1 were notified within 7 days of the perpetration of the 2 crime allegedly causing death or injury to the victim or, in the event that the notification was made more than 7 3 days after the perpetration of the crime, the applicant 4 5 establishes that the notice was timely under the 6 circumstances. (b 2) If the applicant has obtained an order of protection or a civil no contact order or has presented 7 himself or herself to a hospital for sexual assault 8 evidence collection and medical care, such action shall 9 10 constitute appropriate notification under this subsection 11 (b-1) or subsection (b) or (b-1) of this Section.

12 (c) The applicant has cooperated with law enforcement officials in the apprehension and prosecution of the 13 assailant. (c-1) If the applicant has obtained an order of 14 protection or a civil no contact order or has presented 15 16 himself or herself to a hospital for sexual assault 17 evidence collection and medical care, such action shall constitute cooperation under this subsection (c) of this 18 Section. 19

20 (d) The applicant is not the offender or an accomplice
21 of the offender and the award would not unjustly benefit
22 the offender or his accomplice.

(e) The injury to or death of the victim was not
substantially attributable to his own wrongful act and was
not substantially provoked by the victim.

26 (Source: P.A. 94-192, eff. 1-1-06; revised 8-16-05.)