

HOUSE No. 2999

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, other members of the General Court and another relative to the compensation of rape victims. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF RAPE VICTIMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 5 of Chapter 258A, as amended by Chapter 459 of the
2 Acts of 1980, is hereby amended by striking the first paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 No compensation shall be paid, except in the case of rape, unless
5 the claimant has incurred an out-of-pocket loss of at least \$100 or
6 has lost two continuous weeks of earnings or support, out-of-
7 pocket loss shall mean unreimbursed or unreimbursable expenses
8 reasonably incurred for medical care, or other services necessary,
9 as a result of the injury upon which such claim is based; and in the
10 case of rape, out-of-pocket losses requiring compensation shall
11 include counseling and emergency funds for housing, but shall not
12 include funds for abortion or funds for counseling for abortion.
13 One hundred dollars shall be deducted from any award granted
14 under this chapter, except from awards granted to victims of rape.

