

By Ms. Richie of Boston, petition of Charlotte Golar Richie, Shirley Owens-Hicks and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to further regulate the victim compensation law. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE VICTIM COMPENSATION LAW.

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

1 Chapter two hundred and fifty-eight C is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the last paragraph in Section 3 the following para-
3 graph: —

4 (G) In the case of the death of the victim as a direct result of a
5 crime, a family member or legal guardian shall be eligible for
6 compensation for loss of net earnings or expected net earnings due
7 to attendance at court proceedings directly related to the death of
8 a victim through no fault of the claimant, where

9 (i) the claimant was employed or had received a bona fide
10 employment offer at the time of the court proceedings.

11 (ii) the claimant shall be eligible for compensation for loss of
12 net earnings or expected net earnings for the period of the court
13 proceedings, one week prior to and two weeks after the attendance
14 of court proceedings directly related to the death of a victim.

