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HOUSE BILL ***1235-FN***

AN ACT relative to compensation paid to a crime victim.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 29; Rep. Walz, Merr. 23

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the maximum recovery per claimant under the victims' assistance fund.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 68:1 Crime Victims Assistance; Claimant Eligibility. Amend RSA 21-M:8-h, V to read as follows:

2 V. The claimant may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, medical expenses,
3 funeral expenses, counseling expenses, rehabilitative expenses, expenses associated with the victim's
4 participation in post-conviction proceedings and victim-offender dialogue programs or other restorative
5 justice programs, and lost wages directly resulting from the crime. Claimants eligible under subparagraph
6 l(a)(4) may be reimbursed for the costs of removing the tattoo with an identifying mark. No
7 reimbursement shall be paid unless the claimant has incurred reimbursable expenses of at least \$100.
8 There shall be a [~~\$40,000~~] **\$50,000** maximum recovery per claimant per incident. If expenses paid
9 through the victims' assistance program fund are later covered by insurance settlements, civil suit
10 settlements, or restitution, or through any other source, the claimant shall reimburse the fund for the
11 amount of expenses recovered.

12 68:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 20, 2022
Effective Date: July 19, 2022

