Senate Bill No. 62–Committee on Judiciary

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to crimes; expanding the definition of "victim" for the purposes of eligibility for compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime to include a person targeted because of certain actual or perceived characteristics of the person; authorizing such a person to receive compensation from the Fund for the remediation of property owned by the person under certain circumstances; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes certain victims of crime to receive compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime. (NRS 217.100, 217.260) **Section 4.3** of this bill expands the definition of "victim" for the purposes of eligibility for compensation from the Fund to include a person targeted because of certain characteristics. **Section 4.7** of this bill authorizes such a victim to receive an amount not to exceed $1,000 per incident from the Fund for the remediation of certain property damaged in the commission of the crime perpetrated against him or her. **Section 5** of this bill makes an appropriation to the: (1) Fund for the purposes of providing aid to certain victims; and (2) Office of the Attorney General for the purposes of providing support and resources to survivors of crimes prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General.

Existing law creates the Account for Victims of Human Trafficking in the State General Fund and requires a recipient of an allocation of money from the Account to use the money only for establishing or providing programs or services to victims of human trafficking. (NRS 217.530, 217.540) **Section 5** makes an appropriation to the Account.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Sections 1-4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4.3. NRS 217.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

217.070 1. "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, financial or psychological harm as a result of the commission of a crime, including, without limitation:

(a) A person who is injured or killed as the direct result of a criminal act;

(b) A minor who was involved in the production of pornography in violation of NRS 200.710, 200.720, 200.725 or 200.730;

(c) A minor who was sexually abused, as "sexual abuse" is defined in NRS 432B.100;

(d) A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a violation of NRS 484C.110 or any act or neglect of duty punishable pursuant to NRS 484C.430 or 484C.440;

(e) A pedestrian who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a driver of a motor vehicle who failed to stop at the scene of a crash involving the driver and the pedestrian in violation of NRS 484E.010;

(f) An older person or a vulnerable person who is abused, neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned in violation of NRS 200.5099 or 200.50995;

(g) A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of an act of international terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331(1);

(h) A person who is trafficked in violation of subsection 2 of NRS 201.300;

(i) A veteran who experienced an act of sexual assault while serving on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training;

(j) A person who is subjected to facilitating sex trafficking in violation of subsection 1 of NRS 201.301; ~~[or]~~

(k) ***A person who is the victim of a crime for which an additional penalty is imposed pursuant to NRS 193.1675 or an enhanced penalty is imposed pursuant to NRS 207.185; or***

(l) A person who is an immediate family member of a victim who:

(1) Is a minor;

(2) Is physically or mentally incompetent; or

(3) Was killed.

2. The term includes any person who was harmed by an act listed in subsection 1, regardless of whether:

(a) The person is a resident of this State, a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to reside in the United States; or

(b) The act was committed by an adult or a minor.

Sec. 4.7. NRS 217.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

217.160 1. The compensation officer may order the payment of compensation:

(a) To or for the benefit of the victim.

(b) If the victim has suffered personal injury, to any person responsible for the maintenance of the victim who has suffered pecuniary loss or incurred expenses as a result of the injury.

(c) If the victim dies, to or for the benefit of any one or more of the dependents of the victim.

(d) To a minor who is a member of the household or immediate family of a victim of a battery which constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018 who needs an assessment, a psychological evaluation or psychological counseling for emotional trauma suffered by the minor as a result of the battery.

(e) To a member of the victim's household or immediate family for psychological counseling for emotional trauma suffered by the member as a result of the crime of murder as defined in NRS 200.010.

(f) To a county in whose jurisdiction a sexual assault was committed for the reimbursement of costs associated with a forensic medical examination of a victim of sexual assault that are paid by the county pursuant to NRS 217.300. A county may be reimbursed pursuant to this paragraph in an amount equal to the cost of 10 forensic medical examinations or $10,000, whichever is less, each fiscal year.

(g) To a victim described in paragraph (k) of subsection 1 of NRS 217.070 for the remediation of property owned by the victim that was damaged in the commission of the crime, in an amount not to exceed $1,000 for each incident.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Battery" has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 200.481.

(b) "Forensic medical examination" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 217.300.

(c) "Household" means an association of persons who live in the same home or dwelling and who:

(1) Have significant personal ties to the victim; or

(2) Are related by blood, adoption or marriage, within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity.

(d) "Immediate family" means persons who are related by blood, adoption or marriage, within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity.

(e) "Victim of sexual assault" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 217.280.

Sec. 5. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime created by NRS 217.260 for the purposes described in subsection 2 the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $30,000

For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $30,000

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be used to provide monetary aid to victims of hate crimes as described in chapter 217 of NRS.

3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Office of the Attorney General for the purposes described in subsection 4 the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $20,000

For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 ..... $20,000

4. The money appropriated by subsection 3 must be used to provide support and resources to survivors of crimes prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General.

5. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Account for Victims of Human Trafficking created by NRS 217.530 the sum of $200,000.

6. As used in this section, "hate crime" means a crime for which an:

(a) Additional penalty is imposed pursuant to NRS 193.1675; or

(b) Enhanced penalty is imposed pursuant to NRS 207.185.

Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

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