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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to compensation for victims of crime; amending s. 960.03, F.S.; redefining the term "crime" to include the offense of vehicular homicide in the second degree as an eligible offense for which an innocent victim may collect compensation; amending s. 960.065, F.S.; providing that a person who offers testimony of other crimes is eligible to receive a compensation award; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 960.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

960.03 Definitions; ss. 960.01-960.28.--As used in ss. 960.01-960.28, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

(3) "Crime" means:

(b) A violation of s. 316.193, s. 316.027(1), s. 327.35(1), s. 782.071 ~~s. 782.071(1)(b)~~, or s. 860.13(1)(a) which results in physical injury or death; however, no other act involving the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft which results in injury or death shall constitute a crime for the purpose of this chapter unless the injury or death was intentionally inflicted through the use of such vehicle, boat, or aircraft or unless such vehicle, boat, or aircraft is an implement of a crime to which this act applies.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 960.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1 960.065 Eligibility for awards.--

2 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the  
3 following persons shall be eligible for awards pursuant to  
4 this chapter:

5 (a) A victim.

6 (b) An intervenor.

7 (c) A surviving spouse, parent or guardian, sibling,  
8 or child of a deceased victim or intervenor.

9 (d) Any other person who is dependent for his or her  
10 principal support upon a deceased victim or intervenor.

11 (e) A person who is or was a victim in another crime  
12 or case and whose testimony is proffered under s. 90.404(2).

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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16 SENATE SUMMARY

17 Revises the definition of the term "crime" to include the  
18 offense of vehicular homicide in the second degree as an  
19 eligible offense for which an innocent victim may collect  
20 compensation. Provides that a person who offers testimony  
21 of other crimes is eligible to receive a compensation  
22 award.

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