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## Senate Bill No. 284

(SENATORS LOVE, HELMICK, SHARPE, SPROUSE AND MCKENZIE, original sponsors)

[Passed April 8, 1997; in effect from passage.]

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AN ACT finding and declaring certain claims for compensation of innocent victims of crimes occurring in West Virginia to be moral obligations of the state and directing the auditor to issue warrants for the payment of the claims.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

COMPENSATION AWARDS TO VICTIMS OF CRIMES.

§1. Finding and declaring certain crime victims claims for compensation to be moral obligations of the state and directing payment of the claims.

- 1 The Legislature has duly considered the findings of fact
- 2 and recommendations for awards reported to it by the

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3 court of claims in respect to the following named claimants who were innocent victims of crime within this state 4 and who are entitled to compensation; and in respect to 5 each of the named claimants the Legislature adopts those 6 7 findings of fact as its own, hereby declares it to be the moral obligation of the state to pay each claimant in the 8 amount specified below, and directs the auditor to issue 9 warrants for the payment of the claims out of any fund 10appropriated and available for the purpose. 11

12 Claims for crime victims compensation awards: 13 (TO BE PAID FROM CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND) 14 (1) William C. Chapman ..... \$ 1,000.00 (2) Jerry N. Gibson, as guardian of 15 16(3) Jerry N. Gibson, as guardian of 17 18J. Y. G. \$ 5,000.00 (4) Betty J. Sargent, as the adoptive parent 1920of R. W. S. ..... \$23,500.00 21 (5) Betty J. Sargent, as the adoptive parent of D. M. S. \$ 23,500.00 2223(6) Alan D. Taylor ..... \$ 15,000.00 24 TOTAL ..... \$73,000.00 The Legislature finds that the above moral obligations 2526and the appropriations made in satisfaction of the moral obligations are the full compensation for all of the named 2728claimants.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

and Chornorel Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Bregger to. 1. Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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