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6   **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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14   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
                      119TH LEGISLATURE
16   **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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          COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " *H* " to H.P. 1229, L.D. 1758, Bill, "An
20   Act to Amend the Victims' Compensation Fund Law"

22   Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 3rd and
     4th lines (page 1, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.) by striking out the
24   following: "sustained bodily injury or the threat of" and
     inserting in its place the following: 'been threatened with'
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          Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the
28   following:

30   'Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §3360-D, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
     806, §3, is amended to read:
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          2.   Release of records.   If--required--by--the--board,--the
34   elaimant--shall--exeeute--a--release--ef--medieal--and--employment
     reeords-and-information--enabling-the-board-to-obtain-the-reeords
36   and--information--direetly. A signed application for benefits
     under this chapter is effective under state law to authorize the
38   release of health care, mental health, employment and wage
     information pertinent to the claim. Additionally, the claimant
40   shall provide the board with other information or the release of
     such other information as the board determines is reasonably
42   necessary to decide the claim.'

44   Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the
     following:
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'**Sec. 9. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue Funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
Victims' Compensation Fund		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	$23,870	$35,875
All Other	5,504	3,149

Provides funds for one Research Assistant position to handle the increased volume of cases from the expansion of the eligibility criteria.

	1999-00	2000-01
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOTAL	$29,374	$39,024'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

	1999-00	2000-01
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	$29,374	$39,024

This bill includes additional Other Special Revenue funds allocations of $29,374 and $39,024 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the Department of the Attorney General for one Research Assistant position to handle the increased volume of cases from the expansion of the eligibility criteria. The Victims' Compensation Fund has sufficient revenues to cover the additional allocations.'
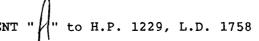
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SUMMARY

The amendment strikes language regarding bodily injury from the provision dealing with eligibility, as this language is superfluous. The amendment provides that a signed application is effective under state law to authorize the release of health care and employment information. The signed application would comply with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1711-C, subsection 3. The amendment authorizes the Department of the Attorney General to hire one Research Assistant to help administer the Victims' Compensation Fund. The amendment also adds a fiscal note and an allocation provision to the bill.

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