

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1819

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**SYNOPSIS**

Clarifies that compensation may be paid for expenses related to service animals required due to injuries resulting from crime against victim.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning victim compensation for expenses related to  
2 service animals and amending P.L.1971, c.317.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 12 of P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-12) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 12. The agency may order the payment of compensation under  
10 this act for:

11 a. expenses actually and reasonably incurred as a result of the  
12 personal injury or death of the victim, including out-of-pocket  
13 losses which shall mean unreimbursed and unreimbursable expenses  
14 or indebtedness reasonably incurred for medical care or other  
15 services necessary as a result of the injury upon which such  
16 application is based~~[,]~~ ;

17 b. loss of earning power as a result of total or partial incapacity  
18 of such victim~~[,]~~ ;

19 c. pecuniary loss to the dependents of the deceased victim~~[,]~~ ;  
20 and

21 d. any other pecuniary loss resulting from the personal injury  
22 or death of the victim which the agency determines to be  
23 reasonable.

24 As used in subsection a. of this section, “other services” shall  
25 include expenses involved in procuring or providing treatment to a  
26 service animal, as defined by the federal “Americans with  
27 Disabilities Act of 1990” (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.) and any  
28 regulations promulgated pursuant to that act, if a service animal is  
29 required by the victim based on the injuries sustained as a result of  
30 the crime.

31 (cf: P.L.2007, c.95, s.16)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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38 This bill specifically provides that crime victims may be awarded  
39 compensation for those expenses related to procuring or providing  
40 treatment to a service animal when a service animal is required by  
41 the victim due to injuries sustained by the victim as a result of the  
42 crime.

43 Under the bill, a “service animal,” as defined by the federal  
44 Americans with Disabilities Act, is any dog that is individually  
45 trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

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- 1 with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric,
- 2 intellectual, or other mental disability.