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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 4803**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 13, 2019, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning victims of crime and supplementing Title 52 of  
2 the Revised Statutes.

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

6  
7 1. a. In the event that a person is the victim of a firearm or  
8 stabbing injury incurred during the course of an offense described  
9 in subsection b. of section 11 of P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-11), and  
10 the person receives counseling in connection with the injury, the  
11 entity providing counseling services may directly bill the Victims of  
12 Crime Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency] Office**<sup>1</sup> for the counseling  
13 services, provided that:

14 (1) the counseling was provided by a licensed psychiatrist,  
15 psychologist, social worker, or therapist, or by a peer or support  
16 counselor or other individual authorized by the Victims of Crime  
17 Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency] Office**<sup>1</sup> to provide such counseling while  
18 under the supervision of a licensed professional;

19 (2) the person providing the counseling is affiliated with the  
20 hospital where the victim received treatment for the injury or is  
21 affiliated with a hospital-based or hospital-linked violence  
22 intervention program recognized by the Victims of Crime  
23 Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency] Office**<sup>1</sup>;

24 (3) the victim reported the injury to law enforcement within nine  
25 months after its occurrence or reasonable discovery, except that,  
26 notwithstanding the requirements of section 18 of P.L.1971, c.317  
27 (C.52:4B-18), a report made after such time shall not be deemed to  
28 bar a claim for compensation for counseling services if the victim  
29 was admitted to the hospital for the injury and the victim consents  
30 to the hospital releasing records of the admission to the Victims of  
31 Crime Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency] Office**<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**[and]**<sup>1</sup>

32 (4) the victim has consented in writing to the entity directly  
33 billing the Victims of Crime Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency] Office**<sup>1</sup>  
34 pursuant to this section <sup>1</sup>; and

35 (5) the victim has filed a claim with the Victims of Crime  
36 Compensation Office that is deemed eligible for counseling services  
37 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.).

38 Compensation to be paid for counseling services provided under  
39 this section shall be determined in accordance with the provisions  
40 of subsection b. of this section and section 19 of P.L.1971, c.317  
41 (C.52:4B-19)<sup>1</sup>.

42 b. The Victims of Crime Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency] Office**<sup>1</sup>  
43 shall establish by regulation the maximum amount of compensation  
44 that may directly billed pursuant to subsection a. of this section,

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 13, 2019.

1 which in any case shall not exceed \$1,000 in connection with a  
2 given injury.

3 c. An entity that directly bills for counseling services pursuant  
4 to subsection a. of this section shall not bill the victim or any other  
5 person or entity in any amount for any counseling services for  
6 which it received compensation from the Victims of Crime  
7 Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency]** Office<sup>1</sup> pursuant to this section.

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9 2. The Victims of Crime Compensation <sup>1</sup>**[Agency]** Office<sup>1</sup>  
10 may, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”  
11 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt such rules and  
12 regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this  
13 act.

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15 3. This act shall take effect the first day of the fourth month  
16 next following the date of enactment.