

SENATE BILL 2995

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,  
Chapter 13, relative to criminal injuries  
compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-105(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) In the case of the death of a victim, where the compensation is for unreimbursed or unreimbursable funeral or burial expenses, to the legal representative of the estate of the victim or, if no estate has been opened, to a relative of the victim who actually paid all or part of the victim's funeral or burial expenses. Except for life insurance contracts payable to the decedent's dependent or dependents, payment of funeral or burial expenses is not authorized if there is life insurance or funeral or burial insurance which is equal to or exceeds the amount of the funeral or burial expenses.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-104(1), is amended by adding the language "or" at the end of subdivision (B) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (C):

(C) The crime involves a hit and run collision resulting in serious injury or death to the victim. To collect pursuant this subdivision (1)(C), the claimant shall prove by clear and convincing evidence that the injuries sustained by the victim were the result of a hit and run collision.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.