

House Bill 141

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 victim compensation, so as to provide for requirements for awards made from the Georgia  
3 Crime Victims Emergency Fund to medical service providers; to provide for related matters;  
4 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to victim  
8 compensation, is amended in Code Section 17-15-8, relating to required findings, amount of  
9 award, rejection of claim, reductions, exemptions, effective date for awards, psychological  
10 counseling for relatives of deceased, and memorials for victims of DUI homicide, by adding  
11 a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(b.1)(1) Payments made by the board to medical service providers for compensation for  
13 medical services shall be made in accordance with the list of usual, customary, and  
14 reasonable charges for medical services published by the State Board of Workers'  
15 Compensation as provided for in Code Section 34-9-205 unless an investigation of the

16 charges by the board determines that there is a reasonable health care justification for the  
17 deviation from such list of usual, customary, and reasonable charges.  
18 (2) Payments made to and accepted by a medical provider shall be considered payment  
19 in full for the charges with respect to the board, victim, and claimant."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.