

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 372

Approved by the Governor May 5, 2021

Introduced by Day, 49; Blood, 3; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act; to amend sections 81-1807 and 81-1821, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to applications and a statute of limitations; and to repeal the original sections.  
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 81-1807, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1807 Any person who may be eligible for compensation under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act may make application to the committee on forms provided by the committee. Such application need not be signed and acknowledged before a notary public. If the person entitled to make application is a minor or mentally incompetent, the application may be made on his or her behalf by his or her parent, guardian, or any other individual authorized to administer his or her estate. Residents and nonresidents of Nebraska who are victims of crimes committed in Nebraska shall be treated similarly in determining compensation awards under the act. A resident of Nebraska who is the victim of a crime committed in another state shall be eligible for compensation if (1) the crime would be compensable had it occurred in Nebraska and (2) the crime occurred in a state which does not have a crime victim compensation program for which the person is eligible.

Sec. 2. Section 81-1821, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1821 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no order for the payment of compensation shall be entered under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act unless the application has been submitted to the committee within two years after the date of the personal injury or death and the personal injury or death was the result of an incident or offense which had been reported to the police within three days of its occurrence or, if the incident or offense could not reasonably have been reported within that period, within three days of the time when a report could reasonably have been made.

(2) An application submitted by or for a victim of sexual assault, domestic assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking is not subject to the three-day reporting requirement in subsection (1) of this section if, prior to submitting the application the:

(a) Applicant or victim has reported such crime to the police;

(b) Applicant or victim has obtained a protection order related to such incident or offense; or

(c) Victim has presented for a forensic medical exam.

Sec. 3. Original sections 81-1807 and 81-1821, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.