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SENATE . . . . . No. 1180

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Liz Miranda

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act expanding access to victim compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Liz Miranda	*Second Suffolk*	
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*4/22/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*5/15/2025*

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By Ms. Miranda, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1180) of Liz Miranda for legislation to expand access to victim compensation. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act expanding access to victim compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2(c) of 258C of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section (3) of chapter 258C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection 1 in its entirety inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

(1)(A) The maximum award or compensation for funeral and burial expenses shall be $15,000. A legal guardian, dependent or other family member of the victim or a person who incurs funeral and burial expenses directly related to the death of a victim shall be eligible for compensation for such funeral and burial expenses.

SECTION 3. Section (5) of chapter 258C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection 1, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

12 (1)(A) A claim for compensation under this chapter shall be filed within five years of the

13 date of the crime.