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HB 534

*Handwritten initials and date: AS 1/31*

1/30/86

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to violent crimes compensation. This bill makes a clarifying amendment, addressing an ambiguity in existing law.

Currently, the Violent Crimes Compensation Board is authorized to award compensation to, or for the benefit of, one or more of the dependents of a victim of certain incidents or offenses, in a situation in which the victim dies. AS 18.67.080(a)(3). However, a dependent is currently defined as a relative of the victim who is dependent upon the victim's income. AS 18.67.180(2). Although the board may award compensation for any other loss the board determines to be reasonable under AS 18.67.110(4), the current practice of awarding compensation to a spouse of a victim, for child care and housekeeping expenses, when the victim was a homemaker and therefore didn't contribute monetary support to the spouse, could be subject to question. This results from the ambiguity in the interrelationship of three provisions: AS 18.67.080(a)(3), 18.67.110(4), and 18.67.180(2).

Redefining "dependent" to include a relative who is dependent on the victim's services, as well as one who is dependent on the victim's income, would correct this ambiguity.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature of Bill Sheffield*

Bill Sheffield  
Governor

**STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 534  
 Title: "An Act relating to violent crimes compensation..."  
 Sponsor: Rules Committee  
 Requestor: House State Affairs  
 Date of Request: 2/11/86

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected: Public Safety  
 BRU: Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
 Components: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>REVENUE</b>						
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**FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS :**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** Attach a separate page if necessary

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Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]  
 Agency: Public Safety

Date: 2-11-86

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