March 4, 2009

S 403. VICTIMS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT. Filed 3/4/09. TO AMEND THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINALLY INJURIOUS CONDUCT INCLUDES BOTH FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR DEATH BY VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE THAT ECONOMIC LOSS FOR WHICH COMPENSATION MAY BE AWARDED INCLUDES THE COST OF GRIEF COUNSELING FOR THE SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED VICTIM.

Expands the reach of the Crime Victims Compensation Act by amending the definition of *criminally injurious conduct* in GS 15B-2(5) to include the offenses of felony and misdemeanor death by vehicle and by amending the definition of *economic loss* in GS 15B-2(10) to include the cost of grief counseling for the spouse and children of the deceased victim. Effective July 1, 2009 and applies to claims pending or filed on or after that date.

Intro. by Berger of Franklin. GS 15B

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S 403. VICTIMS COMPENSATION AMENDMENT. Filed 3/4/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for the Crime Victims Compensation Fund to implement the provisions of the proposed amendment to GS 15B-2(10) regarding providing grief counseling to the spouse and children of the deceased victim. Makes a conforming change.