

SENATE BILL 555

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-108, relative to criminal injuries compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-108, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c) Within ten (10) days after receipt of the claim, the division shall notify the district attorney general. If a prosecution is pending or imminent for an offense arising out of the crime upon which the claim is based, the division or commission, whichever is applicable, shall suspend all action on the claim upon application of the district attorney general. In such event, the district attorney general shall notify the division or commission, whichever is applicable, within ten (10) days after completion of any such prosecution. Proceedings may further be suspended in the interest of justice if a civil action arising from such offense is pending or imminent. The division or commission, whichever is applicable, shall notify the claimant of any suspension under this subsection (c). A district attorney general who fails to supply the division with the report required in subsection (d) within one hundred eighty (180) days of the division's receipt of the claim shall be deemed to have waived the right to apply for a suspension under this section, unless good cause is shown for such failure.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all applicable claims for compensation filed on or after July 1, 2017.