

CHAPTER 877

H.B. No. 560

An Act relating to the limitations period for filing an application for compensation under the Crime Victims Compensation Act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 4(c), Crime Victims Compensation Act (Article 8309-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) A claimant must file an application not later than one year after the date of the crime, except that the board may extend the time for filing for good cause shown by the claimant. *If a claimant presents medically documented evidence of a physical incapacity that was incurred by the claimant as a result of the criminally injurious conduct and that reasonably prevented the claimant from filing the application within the limitations period, the period of the incapacity is not included in the limitations period.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985, and applies only to a claim for crime victim's compensation that is based on criminally injurious conduct that occurs on or after that date. A claim based on criminally injurious conduct that occurred before that date is covered by the law in effect on the date on which the conduct occurred.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 18, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 560 on May 20, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985