

HB 431 -- DAMAGES ARISING FROM SERVICE OF PROCESS

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This bill specifies that the owner of property damaged by an arresting law enforcement agency during the service of process is eligible to file an application for compensation from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund with the Department of Public Safety unless the damaged property is owned by the offender or an accomplice of an offender.

Compensation must not be paid unless the claimant has incurred an out-of-pocket loss of at least \$50 or has lost two continuous weeks of earnings or support from gainful employment. Compensation must be in an amount equal to half of the reasonable reimbursement costs of the property.