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# Bad guys would pay victims under proposed 'aid' bill

After October, 1977, victims of convicted criminals may be able to collect a maximum of \$15,000 in compensation from the state under a bill awaiting Gov. William Milliken's signature.

In some cases, the state will be repaid by the criminal responsible for the injuries, explained State Rep. Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington), a supporter of the bill.

The possibility of the state getting a rebate will be left to the discretion of the judge who sentences the criminal. Payment may influence sentencing, he said. Failure to repay the state could result in another, longer sentence for the convicted.

**SOME CRIMINALS MAY NOT HAVE TO REPAY THE STATE IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS.**

We don't want to pay more money in

enforcement than necessary," Brotherton said.

Persons who are injured while aiding a crime victim are also eligible for compensation under the Victims of Crime Bill.

**PERSONS WHO** are unable to work for two consecutive weeks due to injuries received in crime will be able to collect \$100 a week in compensation.

There are many people who are deprived of a way to earn a living through being deprived of working for weeks, months or longer because they were injured in a crime," he said.

"They may have to apply for welfare and then shouldn't have to go through what can be a humiliating experience through no fault of their own."

The state helps accused persons by providing legal aid which can be used for the original trial and for appeals, Brotherton said. Michigan invests "billions" to support its court system and maintains its prison system.

"The state helps criminals to avoid paying for their crimes while the victim is cast out into the cold," Brotherton said.

"If a person is injured and accrues medical expenses which aren't covered by insurance, the state should pick up the cost."

A three-man panel, appointed by the governor and approved by the state senate will hear the victims' cases. Two of the members will be lawyers and only two of them can belong to the same political party.

An emergency fund of \$500 will be given to victims who have proved they have a case to take over before a regular sys-

tem of compensation is established for them.

Although Brotherton was at first reluctant to support the bill because of the possibility of abuses, he changed his mind because he believes that the crime problem is widespread not only in Detroit, but in outlying areas such as Farmington and Southfield.

"I was reluctant to support it at first. It's not the kind of thing I particularly seek out," he said. "It might set a precedent which would lead the government to ward greater involvement than we want."

"People might demand greater compensation from the state than the bill allows. Many times, workmen's compensation doesn't cover the injury because it doesn't occur at work. Somebody, such as the government, should pick up the cost, anyhow," he said.

**"MAYBE, IT'S ABOUT TIME** someone started thinking about the victim and protect his interest instead of the criminal's."

Starting January 1, 1978, the state will budget \$1.3 million for compensation payments. Funds will come from existing sources of income, he said.

There is nothing in the bill which can be construed that the state has any other liability than stated in the act," he said.

This is to prevent the state from being sued for the lifetime loss of the ability to earn a living.

Persons who are injured during a crime that happens within a family situation, such as a wife who is beaten by her husband, aren't eligible for compensation, he said.

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## Banker completes Stonier grad course

William Patterson, of Farmington, recently graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, which is operated by the American Bankers Association at Rutgers University, Brunswick, New Jersey.

Patterson, a National Bank of Detroit employee for 38 years, is an operations manager of the Metro North Regional Banking Center.

He attended three two-week resident summer sessions, completed two years of extension work and submitted a thesis, "Personnel Administration in a Multi-Bank Holding Company," to qualify for his graduation certificate.

He defended his thesis before a panel of experts on the subject during his last resident session.

## Mulcahy graduates from agent course

Deborah Mulcahy, 2236 Tredwell, Farmington Hills, has completed the New Agent Development School conducted by Farm Bureau Insurance group, one of the state's major insurers.

The month-long school, which concluded in May, prepares agent candidates for the state insurance licensing examination and provides instruction in property-casualty and life insurance.

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Supervisors, managers and all people who direct, control and evaluate the work performance of others in health fields may enroll in the workshops.

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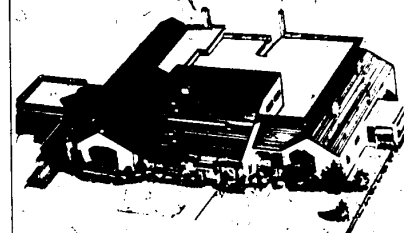
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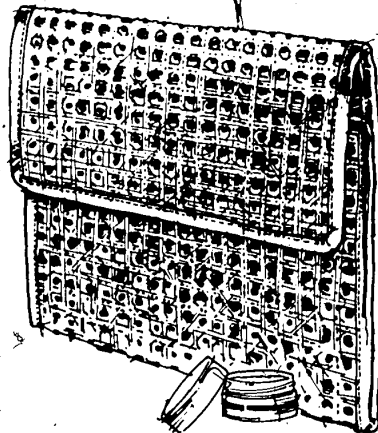
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