

CHAPTER 172
REPARATIONS FOR MEDICAL CARE AND COUNSELING
H.F. 413

AN ACT relating to reparations for medical care and counseling under chapter 912 for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault and for child victims.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 912.6, Code 1985, is amended by adding the following new subsections after subsection 1 and renumbering the subsequent subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 2. Reasonable charges incurred for counseling provided to victims of domestic abuse, as defined in section 236.2, to victims of sexual assault, or to victims under eighteen years of age by a psychologist licensed under chapter 154B or by an individual holding at least a master's degree in social work or counseling and guidance, not to exceed five hundred dollars.

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Reasonable charges incurred for victim counseling provided by a victim counselor as defined in section 236.17, as contained in 1985 Iowa Acts, House File 549, if enacted, not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. Section 912.7, Code 1985, is amended by adding the following new subsection after subsection 2 and renumbering the subsequent subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2, paragraph "b" or "c", reparation for medical care under section 912.6, subsection 1 or for counseling under section 912.6, subsection 1, 2, or 3 shall be made if the bodily injury or death for which reparation is sought was caused by an act of domestic abuse, as defined in section 236.2, committed by a spouse of the victim or by a person living in the same household with the victim, if the victim seeks and receives victim counseling which qualifies for reparation under section 912.6, subsection 1, 2, or 3, and one of the following applies:

a. The act is the first act of domestic abuse involving the alleged perpetrator reported by the victim.

b. The act is the second act of domestic abuse involving the same alleged perpetrator reported by the victim, and a criminal complaint or trial information is filed or a grand jury returns an indictment against the alleged perpetrator.

Sec. 3. This Act applies to crime reports received on or after the effective date of this Act by a local police department or county sheriff department, or if a crime report is not required, to reports received on or after the effective date of this Act by the department of human services or to reparation claims filed on or after the effective date of this Act by a licensed or certified professional providing immediate or short-term medical services or mental health services to a child victim.

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