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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK, JAFFEE, PERRY, GOTTFRIED, AUBRY,
M. G. MILLER, SEAWRIGHT, COLTON, OTIS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of
A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Govern-
mental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to eligibility of domes-
tic partners for compensation from the crime victims' board

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 624 of the execu-
tive law, as amended by chapter 104 of the laws of 2015, is amended to
read as follows:

(b) a surviving spouse, domestic partner, grandparent, parent, step-
parent, guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, child, step-
child or grandchild of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result
of such crime;

§ 2. Section 624 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. For the purposes of this section, "domestic partner" means a
person who, with respect to another person:

(a) is formally a party in a domestic partnership or similar relation-
ship with the other person, entered into pursuant to the laws of the
United States or of any state, local or foreign jurisdiction, or regis-
tered as the domestic partner of the other person with any registry
maintained by the employer of either party or any state, municipality,
or foreign jurisdiction; or

(b) is formally recognized as a beneficiary or covered person under
the other person's employment benefits or health insurance; or

(c) is dependent or mutually interdependent on the other person for
support, as evidenced by the totality of the circumstances indicating a
mutual intent to be a domestic partner including but not limited to:
common ownership or joint leasing of real or personal property; common

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 householding, shared income or shared expenses; children in common;
2 signs of intent to marry or become a domestic partner under paragraph
3 (a) or (b) of this subdivision; or the length of the personal relation-
4 ship of the persons.

5 § 3. Section 626 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
6 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

7 4. Out-of-pocket loss shall also include the cost of counseling for
8 surviving family members of homicide victims who are otherwise eligible
9 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section six hundred
10 twenty-four of this article.

11 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
12 it shall have become a law.