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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.