

# Wallace Told of Md. Compensation Act

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ANNAPOLIS, June 1— Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel said today that Alabama Gov. George Wallace and the three other persons shot in a Laurel shopping center would be eligible for awards from Maryland's Criminal Injuries Compensation Board if they suffer financial need.

"There's no question that there will be eligibility under the law for some of those injured," Mandel told a press conference.

Mandel noted "the law does say that the individual has to prove financial need to be eligible. . . . We would leave that up to Gov. Wallace as to whether he wishes to file a claim."

Maryland's three-member Criminal Injuries Compensation Board can award up to \$45,000 to totally disabled individuals. Since its establishment in 1968, it has paid almost \$2 million to more than 300 seriously injured victims of crimes or their survivors.

Wounded at the same time Wallace was shot on May 15 were Secret Service Agent Nick Zarvos, Ala. State Police Capt. Eldred Dothard and Dora Thompson, a Wallace campaign worker from the Bladensburg area.

Mandel said that the day after the shooting he conferred with the compensation board's executive director about the possible eligibility of Wallace and the three other victims, and that Wallace's

aides have been advised of Wallace's possible eligibility.

Since its creation, the compensation board has awarded 13 persons the maximum \$45,000.

To qualify for an award, there must be financial hardship and a police report must have been filed within 48 hours after the incident. Awards may go to crimes victims or persons who are injured aiding policemen or other victims, or their dependents.