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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL  
No. 2230 Session of  
1995

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INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, M. N. WRIGHT, READSHAW, TRELLO,  
CORRIGAN, FAJT, TIGUE, BELARDI, DeLUCA, GODSHALL, M. COHEN  
AND RICHARDSON, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
NOVEMBER 21, 1995

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for payment of  
4 the cost of burial of indigent persons in State institutions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known  
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to  
9 read:

10 Section 318. Timely Burial of Deceased Indigent Patients of  
11 State Institutions.--When a patient dies at a State institution  
12 and no relative, friend or charitable organization claims the  
13 body for burial at their expense and the patient's estate  
14 contains insufficient funds for burial, the superintendent of  
15 the institution shall immediately provide for the patient's  
16 burial. Funds of the deceased shall be released to the funeral  
17 director. The institution may supplement the funds of the  
18 deceased for the purposes of paying for the burial. Expenses

1 incurred by the institution for the burial of deceased indigent  
2 patients shall not exceed the maximum payment for burial as set  
3 forth in 55 Pa. Code § 285.3(d) (relating to department payment  
4 schedule).

5       Section 2. The act of June 13, 1883 (P.L.119, No.106),  
6 entitled "An act for the promotion of medical science by the  
7 distribution and use of unclaimed human bodies for scientific  
8 purposes through a board created for that purpose and to prevent  
9 unauthorized uses and traffic in human bodies," is repealed  
10 insofar as it is inconsistent with this act.

11       Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.