
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 443 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HARHAI, MILLARD, KOTIK, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, THOMAS,
DIAMOND, MURT, BROWNLEE, GRELL, MAHONEY, GIBBONS AND GILLEN,
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dispositions
3 independent of letters, further providing for payments to
4 family and funeral directors.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3101(b) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3101. Payments to family and funeral directors.

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11 (b) Deposit account.--Any bank, savings association, savings
12 and loan association, building and loan association, credit
13 union or other savings organization, at any time after the death
14 of a depositor, member or certificate holder, shall pay the
15 amount on deposit or represented by the certificate, when the
16 total standing to the credit of the decedent in that institution
17 does not exceed \$10,000, to the spouse, any child, the father or
18 mother [or], any sister or brother or any grandchild (preference

1 being given in the order named) of the deceased depositor,
2 member or certificate holder, provided that a receipted funeral
3 bill or an affidavit, executed by a licensed funeral director
4 which sets forth that satisfactory arrangements for payment of
5 funeral services have been made, is presented. Any bank,
6 association, credit union or other savings organization making
7 such a payment shall be released to the same extent as if
8 payment had been made to a duly appointed personal
9 representative of the decedent and it shall not be required to
10 see to the application thereof. Any person to whom payment is
11 made shall be answerable therefor to anyone prejudiced by an
12 improper distribution.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.