

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 6, 1993

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," further providing for the
4 minimum burial costs for certain indigent persons.

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 476. Minimum Burial Expenses.--(a) Notwithstanding
11 any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
12 department shall provide the minimum burial expenses for
13 eligible recipients as set forth in this section.

14 (b) The minimum burial expenses to be paid to or on behalf
15 of a funeral director for the standard cemetery burial of an
16 eligible recipient shall be as follows:

17 (1) The sum of three hundred forty dollars (\$340) for a
18 stillborn child or an infant under age four.

1 (2) The sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) for all other
2 eligible recipients.

3 (3) The sum of sixty cents (\$.60) per mile for distances
4 between twenty miles and fifty miles.

5 (4) The actual costs incurred for a minimum size or oversize
6 casket.

7 (c) The minimum burial expenses to be paid to or on behalf
8 of a funeral director for the cremation of an eligible recipient
9 shall be as follows:

10 (1) The sum of four hundred twenty dollars (\$420) for the
11 cremation and immediate disposition of the remains of an
12 eligible recipient.

13 (2) The sum of one hundred ninety dollars (\$190) for a full
14 service cremation of a stillborn child or an infant under age
15 four.

16 (3) The sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) for a full
17 service cremation of all other eligible recipients.

18 (4) All other actual costs incurred in the performance of
19 the necessary services.

20 (d) The minimum burial expenses to be paid to or on behalf
21 of a cemetery for the burial of the remains of an eligible
22 recipient shall be as follows:

23 (1) The sum of one hundred five dollars (\$105) for a
24 stillborn child or an infant under age four.

25 (2) The sum of two hundred ten dollars (\$210) for all other
26 eligible recipients.

27 (e) Reimbursement from the department shall be made no later
28 than ninety days following submission of vouchers for the
29 incurred expenses.

30 (f) The department shall not reduce any payments until such

1 time as the other resources available exceed the sum of three
2 hundred sixty dollars (\$360).
3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.