

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 203

**PRINTER NO.** 2519

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 25, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Longietti

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 203 amends §3101(A) (relating to payments to family and funeral directors) and §7602(E)(2) (relating to exercise of powers of appointment) of Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This legislation amends the above mentioned sections as follows:

§3101(A) (Payments to family and funeral directors)

The amount of wages, salary or employee benefits due the deceased that may be paid directly to the spouse, any child, the father or mother, or any sister or brother of the deceased employee, irrespective of whether a personal representative of the deceased has been appointed, is increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

§7602(E)(2) (Exercise of powers of appointment)

Adds language providing that in the absence of a specific contrary intent appearing in the instrument, the grant of a testamentary power that denies the right to appoint to the donee's creditors shall be construed as also denying the power to appoint to the creditors of the donee's estate.

This act shall take effect as follows:

- The amendment of §3101(A) shall take effect in 60 days; and
- The remainder of the act shall take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.