

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 536 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, HELFRICK, WAGNER, EARLL,
LAVALLE, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, COSTA, LOGAN, A. WILLIAMS,
O'PAKE AND ERICKSON, MARCH 24, 2003

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 24, 2003

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 payments for
4 burial expenses; and abrogating certain regulations.

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

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

10 (n) Burial Services Allowance

11 Section 494. Payments for Burial Services.--(a) The
12 department shall pay a burial or cremation allowance in the
13 amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) which may be
14 supplemented by the decedent's estate or another party in an
15 amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), in
16 accordance with the eligibility requirements of 55 Pa. Code §
17 285.3(a)(3) (relating to requirements). Individuals who die but
18 have never sought assistance shall be reviewed for eligibility

1 to qualify for a grant allowance. If eligible, an allowance
2 shall be paid by the department.

3 (b) Separate payments totaling an amount not to exceed the
4 amount authorized in subsection (a) may be made for funeral,
5 cemetery and crematorium expenses.

6 Section 2. (a) 55 Pa. Code § 285.3(d) is abrogated.

7 (b) All other provisions of 55 Pa. Code are abrogated
8 insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.

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