
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1822 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY BONNER, BERNSTINE, CAUSER, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER,
FREEMAN, JAMES, JOZWIAK, KULIK, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, PICKETT,
RYAN, SCHMITT, STAATS AND ZIMMERMAN, AUGUST 31, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 31, 2021

AN ACT

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

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

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

10 § 3101. Payments to family and funeral directors.

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12 (b) Deposit account.--Any bank, savings association, savings
13 and loan association, building and loan association, credit
14 union or other savings organization, at any time after the death
15 of a depositor, member or certificate holder, shall pay the
16 amount on deposit or represented by the certificate, when the
17 total standing to the credit of the decedent in that institution
18 does not exceed [\$10,000] \$20,000, to the spouse, any child, the
19 father or mother or any sister or brother (preference being

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

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