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Committee Bill No. 5615

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCE FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES FOR RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Upon the death of any beneficiary, under the state supplement or
4 the temporary family assistance program the commissioner shall order
5 the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars for the fiscal
6 year ending June 30, 1987, one thousand one hundred dollars for the
7 fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, [and] one thousand two hundred
8 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, and two thousand
9 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and subsequent fiscal
10 years, as an allowance toward the funeral and burial expenses of such
11 deceased. The payment for funeral and burial expenses shall be
12 reduced by the amount in any revocable or irrevocable funeral fund,
13 prepaid funeral contract or the face value of any life insurance policy
14 owned by the recipient. Contributions may be made by any person for
15 the cost of the funeral and burial expenses of the deceased over and
16 above the sum established under this section without thereby

17 diminishing the state's obligation.

18 Sec. 2. Section 17b-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

20 When a person in any town, or sent from such town to any licensed
21 institution or state humane institution, dies or is found dead therein
22 and does not leave sufficient estate or has no legally liable relative able
23 to pay the cost of a proper funeral and burial, the selectmen, or the
24 public official charged with the administration of general assistance in
25 such town, shall give to such person a proper funeral and burial, and
26 such selectmen or public official may pay a sum not exceeding [twelve
27 hundred] two thousand dollars as an allowance toward the funeral
28 expenses of such deceased, said sum to be paid, upon submission of a
29 proper bill, to the funeral director, cemetery or crematory, as the case
30 may be. On and after October 1, 1991, such payment for funeral and
31 burial expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any revocable or
32 irrevocable funeral fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract, (3) the face
33 value of any life insurance policy owned by the decedent, and (4)
34 contributions in excess of two thousand eight hundred dollars toward
35 such funeral and burial expenses from all other sources including
36 friends, relatives and all other persons, organizations, veterans and
37 other benefit programs and other agencies. For the purpose of
38 reimbursement from the state, such funeral and burial expense shall be
39 considered a general assistance expenditure within the meaning of
40 section 17b-134. Any person burying or causing to be buried any such
41 person in violation of the provisions of this section shall be fined not
42 less than twenty-five dollars. This section shall not affect the
43 provisions of section 19a-270.

44 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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Joint Favorable C/R

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