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Committee Bill No. 6119

LCO No. 4118

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL ALLOWANCE
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 Section 17b-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

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] two
8 thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, [1989] 2004, and
9 subsequent fiscal years, as an allowance toward the funeral and burial
10 expenses of such deceased. The payment for funeral and burial
11 expenses shall be reduced by the amount in any revocable or
12 irrevocable funeral fund, prepaid funeral contract or the face value of
13 any life insurance policy owned by the recipient. Contributions may be
14 made by any person for the cost of the funeral and burial expenses of
15 the deceased over and above the sum established under this section
16 without thereby diminishing the state's obligation.

17 Sec. 2. Section 17b-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

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

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

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