



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 105

February Session, 2016

* SB00105APP 040716 *

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-84 of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (a) Upon the death of any beneficiary under the state supplement or
5 the temporary family assistance program, the Commissioner of Social
6 Services shall order the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand
7 four hundred dollars as an allowance toward the funeral and burial
8 expenses of such [deceased] decedent. The payment for funeral and
9 burial expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any revocable or
10 irrevocable funeral fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract, [or] (3) the
11 face value of any life insurance policy owned by the [recipient.
12 Contributions may be made by any person for the cost of the funeral
13 and burial expenses of the deceased over and above the sum
14 established under this section without thereby diminishing the state's
15 obligation.] decedent, (4) the net value of all liquid assets in the
16 decedent's estate, and (5) contributions in excess of three thousand two
17 hundred dollars toward such funeral and burial expenses from all
18 other sources, including friends, relatives and all other persons,
19 organizations, agencies, veterans' programs and other benefit

20 programs.

21 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may adopt regulations, in
22 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this
23 section.

24 Sec. 2. Section 17b-131 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
25 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
26 *1, 2016*):

27 (a) When a person in any town, or sent from such town to any
28 licensed institution or state humane institution, dies or is found dead
29 therein and does not leave sufficient estate [or] and has no legally
30 liable relative able to pay the cost of a proper funeral and burial, or
31 upon the death of any beneficiary under the state-administered general
32 assistance program, the Commissioner of Social Services shall give to
33 such person a proper funeral and burial, and shall pay a sum not
34 exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars as an allowance toward
35 the funeral expenses of such [deceased, said] decedent. Said sum [to]
36 shall be paid, upon submission of a proper bill, to the funeral director,
37 cemetery or crematory, as the case may be. Such payment for funeral
38 and burial expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any
39 revocable or irrevocable funeral fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract,
40 (3) the face value of any life insurance policy owned by the decedent,
41 [and] (4) the net value of all liquid assets in the decedent's estate, and
42 (5) contributions in excess of three thousand two hundred dollars
43 toward such funeral and burial expenses from all other sources
44 including friends, relatives and all other persons, organizations,
45 [veterans' and other benefit programs and other agencies] agencie,
46 veterans' programs and other benefit programs.

47 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may adopt regulations, in
48 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this
49 section.

50 Sec. 3. Section 17b-198 of the general statutes is repealed and the

51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

52 The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in
53 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement policies
54 and procedures necessary to carry out the purposes of sections [17b-
55 131,] 17b-191 to 17b-194, inclusive, and 17b-197. The Commissioner of
56 Social Services shall implement such policies and procedures while in
57 the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulations, or
58 amending existing regulations provided notice of intent to adopt or
59 amend the regulations is published [in the Connecticut Law Journal]
60 on the eRegulations System within twenty days of implementation,
61 and such policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final
62 regulations are effective. The commissioner shall also amend any
63 regulations in existence on August 20, 2003, to conform to the
64 provisions of this section and sections [17b-131,] 17b-191 to 17b-194,
65 inclusive, and 17b-197.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-84
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-131
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-198

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