



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6701**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS OF LIMITED INCOME.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-84 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2024*):

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 [three hundred fifty] eight hundred dollars as an allowance toward the  
8 funeral and burial expenses of such decedent. The payment for funeral  
9 and burial expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any  
10 revocable or irrevocable funeral fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract,  
11 (3) the face value of any life insurance policy owned by the decedent  
12 that names a funeral home, cemetery or crematory as a beneficiary, (4)  
13 the net value of all liquid assets in the decedent's estate, and (5)  
14 contributions in excess of three thousand four hundred dollars toward  
15 such funeral and burial expenses from all other sources, including  
16 friends, relatives and all other persons, organizations, agencies,  
17 veterans' programs and other benefit programs. Notwithstanding the  
18 provisions of section 17b-90, whenever payment for funeral, burial or  
19 cremation expenses is reduced due to liquid assets in the decedent's

20 estate, the commissioner may disclose information concerning such  
21 liquid assets to the funeral director, cemetery or crematory providing  
22 funeral, burial or cremation services for the decedent.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-131 of the general statutes is  
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
25 *1, 2024*):

26 (a) When a person in any town, or sent from such town to any  
27 licensed institution or state humane institution, dies or is found dead  
28 therein and does not leave sufficient estate and has no legally liable  
29 relative able to pay the cost of a proper funeral and burial, or upon the  
30 death of any beneficiary under the state-administered general  
31 assistance program, the Commissioner of Social Services shall give to  
32 such person a proper funeral and burial, and shall pay a sum not  
33 exceeding one thousand [three hundred fifty] eight hundred dollars as  
34 an allowance toward the funeral expenses of such decedent. Said sum  
35 shall be paid, upon submission of a proper bill, to the funeral director,  
36 cemetery or crematory, as the case may be. Such payment for funeral  
37 and burial expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any  
38 revocable or irrevocable funeral fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract,  
39 (3) the face value of any life insurance policy owned by the decedent  
40 that names a funeral home, cemetery or crematory as a beneficiary, (4)  
41 the net value of all liquid assets in the decedent's estate, and (5)  
42 contributions in excess of three thousand four hundred dollars toward  
43 such funeral and burial expenses from all other sources including  
44 friends, relatives and all other persons, organizations, agencies,  
45 veterans' programs and other benefit programs. Notwithstanding the  
46 provisions of section 17b-90, whenever payment for funeral, burial or  
47 cremation expenses is reduced due to liquid assets in the decedent's  
48 estate, the commissioner may disclose information concerning such  
49 liquid assets to the funeral director, cemetery or crematory providing  
50 funeral, burial or cremation services for the decedent.

