
By: **Delegate Hixson**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts - Funeral Expenses - Allowance**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the funeral expense allowance for the purpose of estate
4 administration.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Estates and Trusts
7 Section 8-106(b)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

13 8-106.

14 (b) Funeral expenses shall be allowed in the discretion of the court according
15 to the condition and circumstances of the decedent. In no event may the allowance
16 exceed [\$5,000] \$10,000 unless the estate of the decedent is solvent and a special
17 order of court has been obtained. If the estate is solvent and the will expressly
18 empowers the personal representative to pay the expenses without an order of court,
19 an allowance by the court is not required.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2000.