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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation - Funeral Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount to be paid for funeral expenses
4 under the workers' compensation law for certain deceased employees.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Labor and Employment
7 Section 9-689
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Labor and Employment**

13 9-689.

14 (a) The employer or its insurer shall pay reasonable funeral expenses of a
15 deceased covered employee, not exceeding [\$2,500] \$5,000, if the covered employee
16 died as a result of:

17 (1) an accidental personal injury, within 7 years of the accidental
18 personal injury; or

19 (2) an occupational disease.

1 (b) Unless approved by the Commission, a bill for funeral expenses of more
2 than [~~\$2,500~~] \$5,000 is void and uncollectable out of:

3 (1) workers' compensation benefits payable with respect to the deceased
4 covered employee; or

5 (2) personal assets of any person to whom workers' compensation
6 benefits are payable with respect to the deceased covered employee.

7 (c) If there are no dependents, the employer, its insurer, or the Injured
8 Workers' Insurance Fund, as appropriate, shall pay the expenses of the last sickness
9 and burial of the covered employee.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 1998.