

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 233 (Delegate Hixson)

Judiciary

Estates and Trusts - Funeral Expenses - Allowance

This bill increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the funeral expense allowance for the purpose of estate administration.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: If an estate is solvent and the will expressly empowers the personal representative to pay the funeral expenses without a court order, then an allowance by the court is not required. Otherwise, the court may grant funeral expenses, but only up to \$5,000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Registers of Wills, Department of Legislative Services

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