

HOUSE BILL 700

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Investment Administration – Burial Assistance Program – Payment**
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain local departments pay certain funeral
5 expenses for each funeral for which the total funeral expenses do not exceed a
6 certain limit; and generally relating to the payment of funeral expenses under
7 the Burial Assistance Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Human Services
10 Section 5–415
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (As enacted by Chapter____(S.B. 6) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)

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

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 5–415.

17 (a) (1) A local department may pay the reasonable funeral expenses of a
18 decedent who was a:

19 (i) recipient of public assistance, including temporary cash
20 assistance or public assistance to adults; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) State resident receiving Supplemental Security Income
2 under Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

3 (2) The funeral expenses paid by the local department may not exceed
4 \$900.

5 **(3) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
6 **LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY THE FUNERAL EXPENSES UNDER THIS SECTION**
7 **FOR EACH FUNERAL WITH TOTAL FUNERAL EXPENSES OF \$2,500 OR LESS.**

8 (b) A local department may not pay funeral expenses under this section
9 unless:

10 (1) each person legally responsible for the support of the decedent is
11 unable to pay the expenses; and

12 (2) other resources, including available death benefits of the estate,
13 are insufficient to pay the expenses.

14 (c) Payments provided in accordance with this section shall be charged to
15 State funds.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2007.