

under the workers' compensation law for certain deceased employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-689

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Labor and Employment

9-689.

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

- (1) an accidental personal injury, within 7 years of the accidental personal injury; or
- (2) an occupational disease.

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

- (1) workers' compensation benefits payable with respect to the deceased covered employee; or
- (2) personal assets of any person to whom workers' compensation benefits are payable with respect to the deceased covered employee.

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

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

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 726

(House Bill 1139)

AN ACT concerning

Education of Children with Disabilities

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to the education of