

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 20 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind," subtitle "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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On the death of the recipient, reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding [two hundred dollars (\$200.00)] **FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)**, may be paid by the local unit, if [other resources, including available death benefits, or] **OTHER RESOURCES, INCLUDING AVAILABLE DEATH BENEFITS, OR** the estate of the deceased [is] **ARE** insufficient to pay the same and the persons legally responsible for the support of the deceased are unable to pay the same. The cost of any such payment shall be charged [two-thirds] **TWO THIRDS** to State funds and [one-third] **ONE THIRD** to local funds. The provisions of this section are subject to the requirements of Section 18A of Article 88A of this Code.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 72 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title ["Social Services Administration," subtitle "Old Age Assistance," be and it is hereby repealed as follows:

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On the death of the recipient reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00), may be paid by the local unit if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same and the persons legally responsible for the support of the deceased are unable to pay the same. The cost of any such payments shall be charged two-thirds to State funds and one-third to local funds. The provisions of this section are subject to the requirements of Section 18A of this article.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a new Section 62A be and it is hereby added to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Social Services Administration," to follow immediately after Section 62 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Funeral Expenses," and to read as follows:

FUNERAL EXPENSES

62A.

THE LOCAL UNIT MAY PAY THE REASONABLE FUNERAL EXPENSES, NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00), OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FOSTER CARE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOSTER CARE PROGRAM AND RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AID TO THE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED, GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, AND ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 1974 ALL MARYLAND RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM UNDER TITLE XVI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, PROVIDED THAT ANY PERSONS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE DECEDENT ARE UNABLE TO PAY THE EXPENSES, AND THAT OTHER RESOURCES, INCLUDING AVAILABLE