

DEATH BENEFITS OR THE ESTATE OF THE DECEDENT, ARE INSUFFICIENT TO PAY THE FUNERAL EXPENSES. THE COST OF THE PAYMENT 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 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 508

(House Bill 85)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections ~~[[159]]~~ 161 and ~~[[166]]~~ 168 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act," to provide that the Court of Appeals may answer questions of law certified to it by the highest appellate or intermediate appellate court of any state in certain circumstances, and to provide that the Court of Appeals or Court of Special Appeals may certify a question to an intermediate appellate court of another state in certain circumstances.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections ~~[[159]]~~ 161 and ~~[[166]]~~ 168 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

~~[[159]]~~ 161.

The Court of Appeals may answer questions of law certified to it by the Supreme Court of the United States, a Court of Appeals of the United States, ~~or~~ a United States District Court OR THE HIGHEST APPELLATE COURT OR THE INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT OF ANY OTHER STATE when requested by the certifying court if there is involved in any proceeding before it a question of law of this State which may be determinative of the cause then pending in the certifying court and as to which it appears to the certifying court there is no controlling precedent in the decisions of the Court of Appeals of this State.

~~[[166]]~~ 168.

The Court of Appeals or the Court of Special Appeals of this State, on its or their own motion or the motion of any party, may order certification of a question of law to the highest court OR INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT of any state if it appears to the certifying court there is involved in any proceeding before the court question of law of the receiving state which may be determinative of the cause then pending in the certifying court and it appears to the certifying court that there are no controlling precedents in the decisions of the highest court or intermediate appellate courts of the receiving state.