

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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CHAPTER 225

(Senate Bill 707)

AN ACT concerning

Social Services - Funeral Expenses for Public Assistance Recipients

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount that a local department of social services may pay for the reasonable funeral expenses of certain public assistance recipients; providing that the payment for funeral expenses for certain public assistance recipients shall be charged to State funds; and generally relating to funeral expenses for public assistance recipients.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration  
Section 62A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

62A.

The local unit may pay the reasonable funeral expenses, not to exceed [\$400] -~~\$900~~ - \$650, of recipients of aid to families with dependent children, general public assistance, public assistance to adults, 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 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].