

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

698A.

~~(A)-(1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, WHENEVER AN INMATE IN ANY INSTITUTION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION DIES WHILE IN CUSTODY, THE EXPENSES OF THE BURIAL AND FUNERAL OF THE INMATE SHALL BE PAID BY THE STATE.~~

~~(2) THE STATE IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE BURIAL AND FUNERAL OF AN INMATE WHO DIES WHILE IN CUSTODY IF THE INMATE HAS INSURANCE THAT PAYS THE EXPENSES OF THE BURIAL AND FUNERAL OF THE INMATE.~~

~~(B) THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION SHALL ADOPT REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SET FORTH PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~

(A) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, WHENEVER AN INDIGENT INMATE IN ANY INSTITUTION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DIVISION OF CORRECTION OR PATUXENT INSTITUTION DIES WHILE IN CUSTODY, THE EXPENSES OF THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF THE INDIGENT INMATE SHALL BE PAID BY THE STATE.

(2) THE EXPENSES OF THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL ARE THE SAME AS THOSE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 62A OF THE CODE, EXCEPT THAT THERE IS NO CHARGE AGAINST LOCAL FUNDS.

(3) THE FAMILY OF AN INDIGENT INMATE MUST BE KNOWN OR REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS BENEFIT.

(4) IF THE BODY OF AN INDIGENT INMATE IS NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 48 HOURS, THE STATE ANATOMY BOARD WILL MAKE DISPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-406 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION AND THE DIRECTOR OF PATUXENT INSTITUTION SHALL ADOPT REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SET FORTH PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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