

(b) The last known registered owner of an abandoned vehicle is considered to be the prima facie owner of the vehicle at the time it was abandoned and the person who abandoned it.

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

Approved April 8, 1986.

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CHAPTER 17

(Senate Bill 189)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Funeral Expenses For Foster Care Children

FOR the purpose of altering the amount that a local department of social services may pay for reasonable funeral expenses for certain children who were receiving foster care; and providing that all such costs for funeral expenses be charged to State Funds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-531  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

5-531.

(a) A local department may pay reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding [\$400] \$650, for a child who was receiving foster care under this subtitle, if:

(1) no individual who was legally responsible for the support of the child is able to pay; and

(2) other resources, including insurance benefits or the child's estate, are insufficient.

(b) The cost of funeral expenses shall be charged [two-thirds] to State funds [and one-third to local funds].