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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

327.

- (b) (1) A society may make provision for the payment of funeral benefits to the extent of such portion of any payment under a certificate as might reasonably appear to be due to any person equitably entitled thereto by reason of having incurred expense occasioned by the burial of the member, but the portion so paid shall not exceed the sum of [five hundred dollars (\$500)] \$57000 \$2,500.
- (2) If, at the death of any member, there is no lawful beneficiary to whom the insurance benefits are payable, the amount of such benefits, except to the extent that funeral benefits may be paid as hereinbefore provided, shall be payable to the personal representative of the deceased member.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved April 12, 1988.

CHAPTER 16

(Senate Bill 105)

AN ACT concerning

Group Life Insurance - Reimbursement for Funeral and Other Expenses

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount which may be paid under a group life insurance policy to cover the expense of the last illness and funeral of the insured person when there is no designated beneficiary.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 432 Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)