

SENATE BILL 2172

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-9-101 and Section 5-9-311, relative to the cremation or burial of paupers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-9-311, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as new subsections thereto, as follows:

(b) If assets of a deceased pauper are later identified that were available at the time of death of the pauper, the county may collect from such assets costs relative to the burial or cremation of such pauper.

(c) Burials of paupers may include embalming, casket, transportation to a cemetery, outer burial container, and interment. No expenses relative to visitation, a grave marker, or additional services at the funeral home or cemetery shall be paid by a county.

(d) Cremations of paupers shall include cremation at a crematory facility, a temporary container, and an urn.

(d) All costs incurred by a funeral home for the burial or cremation of a pauper shall be approved by the county mayor or the county legislative body before the county is liable for such costs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.