

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0047

Department of family services indigent burial program.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public assistance and social services;
2 subjecting the provision of indigent burial and cremation
3 expenses paid by the department of family services to the
4 availability of funds; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-2-103(c) is amended to read:

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10 **42-2-103. Provision of assistance and services;**
11 **duties of department; burial assistance; department of**
12 **health state supplemental security income program.**

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14 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
15 article and subject to the availability of funds, the
16 department shall pay the burial or cremation expenses of

1 any recipient of aid under the personal opportunities with
2 employment responsibilities (POWER) program, supplemental
3 security income or Medicaid at the time of his death and
4 without sufficient means in his own estate or other
5 resources to provide burial or cremation. The amount paid
6 under this subsection shall not exceed one thousand dollars
7 (\$1,000.00) after consideration of funds available to the
8 recipient from all other sources. In determining
9 eligibility under this subsection, the department shall not
10 consider as available funds, an amount up to or equal to
11 one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) of the corpus
12 of a Medicaid qualifying trust meeting the requirements of
13 W.S. 42-4-113. No board of county commissioners shall be
14 responsible for any burial or cremation expenses in excess
15 of the amount paid under this subsection. Burial or
16 cremation expenses under this subsection shall not include
17 those expenses relating to cemetery costs.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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