AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNium ENDING JUNE
30, 2021, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS
RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE
BUDGET.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly
convened:

Sec. 312. Subsection (a) of section 17b-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) When a person in any town, or sent from such town to any licensed institution or
state humane institution, dies or is found dead therein and does not leave sufficient
estate and has no legally liable relative able to pay the cost of a proper funeral and
burial, or upon the death of any beneficiary under the state-administered general
assistance program, the Commissioner of Social Services shall give to such person a
proper funeral and burial, and shall pay a sum not exceeding one thousand [two] three
hundred fifty dollars as an allowance toward the funeral expenses of such decedent.
Said sum shall be paid, upon submission of a proper bill, to the funeral director,
cemetery or crematory, as the case may be. Such payment for funeral and burial
expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any revocable or irrevocable funeral
fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract, (3) the face value of any life insurance policy
owned by the decedent that names a funeral home, cemetery or crematory as a
beneficiary, (4) the net value of all liquid assets in the decedent's estate, and (5)
contributions in excess of three thousand four hundred dollars toward such funeral and
burial expenses from all other sources including friends, relatives and all other persons,
organizations, agencies, veterans' programs and other benefit programs. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17b-90, whenever payment for funeral, burial
or cremation expenses is reduced due to liquid assets in the decedent's estate, the
commissioner may disclose information concerning such liquid assets to the funeral
director, cemetery or crematory providing funeral, burial or cremation services for the
decedent.
Sec. 313. Subsection (a) of section 17b-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) Upon the death of any beneficiary under the state supplement or the temporary family assistance program, the Commissioner of Social Services shall order the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand three hundred fifty dollars as an allowance toward the funeral and burial expenses of such decedent. The payment for funeral and burial expenses shall be reduced by (1) the amount in any revocable or irrevocable funeral fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract, (3) the face value of any life insurance policy owned by the decedent that names a funeral home, cemetery or crematory as a beneficiary, (4) the net value of all liquid assets in the decedent's estate, and (5) contributions in excess of three thousand four hundred dollars toward such funeral and burial expenses from all other sources, including friends, relatives and all other persons, organizations, agencies, veterans' programs and other benefit programs. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17b-90, whenever payment for funeral, burial or cremation expenses is reduced due to liquid assets in the decedent's estate, the commissioner may disclose information concerning such liquid assets to the funeral director, cemetery or crematory providing funeral, burial or cremation services for the decedent.