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HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 555
BY WEIDMAN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act raising the amount of funeral expense payments made to
2 persons qualified for state supplementary assistance and to
3 children participating in the family investment program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 239B.3, subsection 4, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. The department may pay, from funds appropriated for
4 this purpose, a maximum of ~~four~~ two thousand five hundred
5 dollars toward funeral expenses on the death of a child who is
6 a participant or has been authorized to participate in the
7 family investment program, provided both of the following
8 conditions apply:

9 a. The decedent does not leave an estate which may be
10 probated with sufficient proceeds to allow for payment of the
11 funeral expenses.

12 b. Payments which are due the decedent's estate or
13 beneficiary by reason of the liability of a life insurance,
14 death or funeral benefit company, association, or society, or
15 in the form of United States social security, railroad
16 retirement, or veterans' benefits upon the death of the
17 decedent, are deducted from the department's payment under
18 this section.

19 Sec. 2. Section 249.9, Code 2001, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 249.9 FUNERAL EXPENSES.

22 The department may pay, from funds appropriated to it for
23 the purpose, a maximum of ~~four~~ two thousand five hundred
24 dollars toward funeral expenses on the death of a person
25 receiving state supplementary assistance or who received
26 assistance under a previous categorical assistance program
27 prior to January 1, 1974, provided both of the following
28 conditions apply:

29 1. The decedent does not leave an estate which may be
30 probated with sufficient proceeds to allow for payment of the
31 funeral claim.

32 2. Payments which are due the decedent's estate or
33 beneficiary by reason of the liability of a life insurance,
34 death, or funeral benefit company, association, or society, or
35 in the form of United States social security, railroad

1 retirement, or veterans' benefits upon the death of the
2 decedent, are deducted from the department's liability under
3 this section.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill raises authorized state payments provided for
6 funeral expenses to persons qualified for state supplementary
7 assistance and to children participating in the family
8 investment program, from a maximum of \$400 to a maximum of
9 \$2,500.

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