

1 Delete the House standing committee amendment (HB0029HS001/A)
2 entirely and further amend as follows:

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4 Page 1-lines 9 through 16 Delete entirely.

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6 Page 2-lines 1 through 23 Delete entirely.

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8 Page 3-lines 1 through 16 Delete entirely and insert:

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10 "Section 1. W.S. 18-3-504(c), 19-14-101(a), 35-1-428 by
11 creating a new subsection (c) and 42-2-103(c) are amended to read:

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13 **18-3-504. Powers and duties generally.**

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15 (c) Each board of county commissioners shall provide for the
16 burial or cremation of the human remains of any deceased person
17 not receiving personal opportunities with employment
18 responsibilities (POWER) assistance, supplemental security income
19 or Medicaid under the Wyoming Public Assistance and Social Services
20 Act at the time of death and without sufficient means in his own
21 estate or other resources to provide burial or cremation. The
22 amount paid under this subsection for burial or cremation shall
23 not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). Each
24 board shall account for the county expenses incurred under this
25 subsection during a fiscal biennium. By August 1 of each even
26 numbered year, a county may request reimbursement by the department
27 of family services for the expenses incurred under this subsection
28 for the preceding fiscal biennium. The department of family
29 services shall reimburse the expenses in accordance with W.S.
30 35-1-428(c).

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32 **19-14-101. Burial of indigents.**

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34 (a) The board of county commissioners of each county shall
35 provide for the preparation of the body and transmittal to and
36 burial in the veteran's cemetery of any other than a dishonorably
37 discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States who
38 served on behalf of the United States in any war or conflict as
39 defined in section 101, title 38, United States Code and who dies
40 leaving insufficient funds to defray the necessary funeral
41 expenses. The amount expended for transporting the body shall not
42 exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The amount paid under this
43 section for burial shall not exceed one thousand five hundred
44 dollars (\$1,500.00). Each board shall account for the county

1 expenses incurred under this subsection during a fiscal biennium.
2 By August 1 of each even numbered year, a county may request
3 reimbursement by the department of family services for the expenses
4 incurred under this subsection for the preceding fiscal biennium.
5 The department of family services shall reimburse the expenses in
6 accordance with W.S. 35-1-428(c).

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8 **35-1-428. Fees for copies and searches; surcharges.**

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10 (c) In addition to the fees imposed by department of health
11 rules under subsection (a) of this section and the surcharges
12 imposed under subsection (b) of this section, the department shall
13 collect a surcharge of five dollars (\$5.00) for each copy of a
14 death certificate issued pursuant to this article. Revenues
15 collected from the surcharge imposed under this subsection shall
16 be deposited by the department in the indigent persons burial
17 account, which is hereby created. All funds within the account
18 shall be invested by the state treasurer and all investment
19 earnings from the account shall be deposited in the account.
20 Subject to legislative appropriation, the department of family
21 services shall disperse one-half (1/2) of the funds within the
22 account to counties that made a request for reimbursement under
23 W.S. 18-3-504(c) or 19-14-101(a) and the remaining one-half (1/2)
24 of funds shall be available to the department of family services
25 for expenses incurred under W.S. 42-2-103(c). If a legislative
26 appropriation is insufficient to reimburse all county
27 reimbursement requests, the department of family services shall
28 disperse the available funds so that each county that made a
29 reimbursement request receives equal percentage reimbursements.

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31 **42-2-103. Provision of assistance and services; duties of**
32 **department; burial assistance; department of health state**
33 **supplemental security income program.**

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35 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article **and**
36 **subject to the availability of funds**, the department shall pay the
37 burial or cremation expenses of any recipient of aid under the
38 personal opportunities with employment responsibilities (POWER)
39 program, supplemental security income or Medicaid at the time of
40 his death and without sufficient means in his own estate or other
41 resources to provide burial or cremation. The amount paid under
42 this subsection shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
43 after consideration of funds available to the recipient from all
44 other sources. In determining eligibility under this subsection,
45 the department shall not consider as available funds, an amount up
46 to or equal to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) of
47 the corpus of a Medicaid qualifying trust meeting the requirements

1 of W.S. 42-4-113. No board of county commissioners shall be
2 responsible for any burial or cremation expenses in excess of the
3 amount paid under this subsection. Burial or cremation expenses
4 under this subsection shall not include those expenses relating to
5 cemetery costs.

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7 **Section 2.** This act shall only apply to expenses incurred
8 under W.S. 18-3-504(c), 19-14-101(a) and 42-2-103(c) on or after
9 the effective date of this act.". ZWONITZER