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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 765

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to costs of burial of indigent
7 persons."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 47.25.235. BURIAL COSTS FOR INDIGENTS. The department, upon
11 application and proof of costs furnished by morticians and persons
12 providing a cemetery plot and related cemetery services, may pay the
13 costs of a decent burial for indigent persons if the department is
14 satisfied that relatives of the deceased designated in sec. 230 of
15 this chapter are unable to pay costs and the costs otherwise will not
16 be fully paid. Payment to morticians under this section shall be
17 limited to payment for funeral services exclusive of payment for a
18 cemetery plot and other cemetery charges and may not exceed the amount
19 of \$525 with respect to any one burial. Payment for a cemetery plot and
20 other cemetery services shall be in a reasonable amount as the depart-
21 ment determines necessary for a decent burial and shall be made directly
22 to the person providing the services. The department shall make pay-
23 ment under this section notwithstanding that social security death
24 benefits will be available to defray burial costs but shall receive
25 the benefits to reimburse payments made under this section. The
26 department may implement this section by regulation.
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