

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

CHAPTER 193

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 64.1-136.1, relating to funeral expenses.

[H 1945]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 64.1-136.1 as follows:

§ 64.1-136.1. Funeral expenses.

Subject to the provisions of § 64.1-157, reasonable funeral and burial expenses of a decedent shall be considered an obligation of the decedent's estate, which shall be liable for such expenses to: (i) the funeral establishment, (ii) the cemetery, (iii) any third-party creditor who finances the payment of such expenses, or (iv) any person authorized to make arrangements for the funeral of the decedent who has paid such expenses. A person who is authorized to make arrangements for the funeral of the decedent shall have the authority to bind the decedent's estate for such expenses and may execute, on behalf of the estate, any necessary instruments.