



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 338

Senate Amendment 1

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Under current law, a county department of social services or human services (county department) may, under certain circumstances, pay the funeral and burial expenses of a decedent who received certain public assistance programs, including Wisconsin Works and Medical Assistance. ***The county department only pays a reimbursement if the total funeral and burial expenses do not exceed \$3,500.*** If the total funeral and burial expenses do not exceed \$3,500, then the county department shall pay the funeral and burial expenses not paid by the estate and other persons, ***up to \$1,500.***

Under ***2009 Senate Bill 338*** (the bill), if the total funeral and burial expenses ***do not exceed \$4,500***, then the county department shall pay the funeral and burial expenses not paid by the estate and other persons, up to \$1,500.

The bill first applies to funeral and burial expenses incurred on account of deaths that occurred on the effective date of the bill.

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Senate Amendment 1 clarifies that the effective date of the bill is January 1, 2011.

Legislative History

On March 17, 2010, the Joint Committee on Finance introduced Senate Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0, and recommended adoption by a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

On April 13, 2010, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 by a voice vote. The Senate passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 22; Noes, 11. The bill, as amended, was then messaged to the Assembly.

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