

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Assistance.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 346-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 346-15 Burial of an indigent.** (a) The department of social services and housing may bear the cost of the burial of indigent persons. Burial services include the customary mortuary, crematory, cemetery, and other services essential in providing a dignified burial.

(b) The department may pay for mortuary and crematory services, to be furnished by one from a list of certified providers under contract with the department. Mortuary and crematory payments shall be made to the extent of cost, or in the sum of \$400, whichever is less.

(c) The department may pay for cemetery services, to be furnished by one from a list of certified providers under contract with the department. Cemetery payments shall be made to the extent of cost, or in the sum of \$400, whichever is less.

(d) In cases where the decedent is survived by relatives, such relatives shall be permitted to choose either mortuary services or cemetery services, or both forms of service.

(e) The department shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to Chapter 91 for purposes of administering and implementing this section.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1976.

(Approved June 1, 1976.)

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\*Edited accordingly.