

HB 172 -- Payment of Funerals for Public Assistance Recipients

Sponsor: Ruzicka

This bill specifies that in determining eligibility and the amount of benefits to be granted under federally aided state public assistance programs, any amounts up to \$9,000 placed in an irrevocable trust to pay for funeral or burial services or facilities or for funeral merchandise which is not part of a preneed funeral contract will not be considered an asset of the beneficiary. Funds remaining after paying the specified funeral expenses must be paid to the state up to the amount of public assistance provided with any remaining moneys given to those designated in the trust.