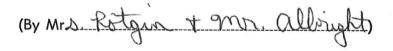
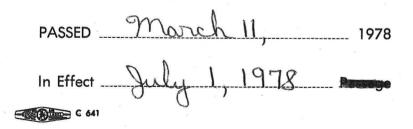
WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1978

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HOUSE BILL No. 757





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H. B. 757

(By MRS. ROTGIN and MR. ALBRIGHT)

[Passed March 11, 1978; in effect July 1, 1978.]

AN ACT to amend article twelve, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section ten-a, relating to payment by the state of the cost of transporting bodies both to and from the central laboratory or other autopsy center of the office of medical examinations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article twelve, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section ten-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12. POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS.

§61-12-10a. Costs of transportation of bodies; when state will pay; amount of payment.

1 Whenever an autopsy is ordered pursuant to section ten 2 of this article and the body of the deceased transported to 3 the central laboratory or other autopsy center of the office 4 of medical examinations, the reasonable cost of the trans-5 portation, shall be paid by the state out of funds appro-6 priated to or for the use of the office of medical examinations. 7 Transportation at state expense shall be provided from the place where the body is being kept at the time the autopsy 8

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is ordered to the central laboratory or autopsy center; and, 9 10 upon completion of the autopsy, to the place designated by 11 the person entitled to possession of the body: Provided, 12 That if the body is to be returned a greater distance than 13 it was taken for the autopsy, the state shall only be obligated 14 for the cost of return of the body equal to or less than that 15 incurred to take the body for the autopsy. The payment 16 shall be of a reasonable amount set by the office of medical 17 examinations, including, but not limited to, payment of any 18 part of the total cost as the office of medical examinations 19 shall allow.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1978.

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