

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 1978

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HOUSE BILL No. 757

(By Mrs. Rotgim + Mr. Albright)

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PASSED March 11, 1978

In Effect July 1, 1978 ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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# **H. B. 757**

**(By MRS. ROTGIN and MR. ALBRIGHT)**

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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  
8 place where the body is being kept at the time the autopsy

9 is ordered to the central laboratory or autopsy center; and,  
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.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Lawrence C. Johnston  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1978.

J. Willard Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate

C. O. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

V. T. Bratter Jr.  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Kopp  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30  
day of March, 1978.

John D. Rhyne  
Governor

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APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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