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AN ACT to amend the estates, powers and trusts law, in relation to exemptions for the benefit of the family

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subparagraph 6 of paragraph (a) of section 5-3.1 of the  
2     estates, powers and trusts law, as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of  
3     2010, is amended to read as follows:  
4     (6) Money including but not limited to cash, checking, savings and  
5     money market accounts, certificates of deposit or equivalents thereof,  
6     AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES, not exceeding in value twenty-five thousand  
7     dollars, reduced by the excess value, if any, of acquired items referred  
8     to in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3) and (5) of this paragraph. However,  
9     where assets are insufficient to pay the reasonable funeral expenses of  
10    the decedent, the personal representative must first apply such money to  
11    defray any deficiency in such expenses.  
12    S 2. Paragraph (b) of section 5-3.1 of the estates, powers and trusts  
13    law, as amended by chapter 595 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read  
14    as follows:  
15    (b) No allowance shall be made in money or other property if the items  
16    of property described in subparagraph (1), (2), (3) or [(4)] (5) OF  
17    PARAGRAPH (A) are not in existence when the decedent dies.  
18    S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
19    have been in full force and effect on and after January 1, 2011.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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