

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 4, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to payment of burial expenses by local public welfare officials

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 141 of the social services law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) (1) Applications for payment of burial expenses by a local public
4 welfare official or for reimbursement by a local public welfare official
5 for burial expenses paid by relatives or friends of the deceased shall
6 include all necessary consent forms to permit the public welfare offi-
7 cial to directly verify the deceased left no funds or insurance suffi-
8 cient to pay burial expenses. Applications for payment or reimbursement
9 pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be due no earlier
10 than thirty days following the death of the recipient of public assist-
11 ance or care.

12 (2) Upon request of a local public welfare official pursuant to this
13 subdivision, any banking organization as defined in subdivision eleven
14 of section two of the banking law shall release a decedent's account
15 information to such official within three business days of receiving
16 such request.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
18 have become a law.

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

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