

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was  
3 referred House Bill No. 687 entitled “An act relating to workers’ compensation  
4 for funeral expenses” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 632 is amended to read:

8 § 632. COMPENSATION TO DEPENDENTS; **DEATH BENEFITS**

9 **BURIAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES**

10 If death results from the injury, the employer shall pay to the persons  
11 entitled to compensation or, if there is none, then to the personal representative  
12 of the deceased employee, **the actual** burial and funeral expenses **in the amount**  
13 **of \$5,500.00 not to exceed \$10,000.00** and expenses for out-of-state  
14 transportation of the decedent to the place of burial not to exceed ~~\$1,000.00~~  
15 \$5,000.00. The employer shall also pay to or for the benefit of the following  
16 persons, for the periods prescribed in section 635 of this title, a weekly  
17 compensation equal to the following percentages of the deceased employee’s  
18 average weekly wages. The weekly compensation payment herein allowed  
19 shall not exceed the maximum weekly compensation or be lower than the  
20 minimum weekly compensation:

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1 Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 639 is amended to read:

2 § 639. DEATH, PAYMENT TO DEPENDENTS

3 In cases of the death of a person from any cause other than the accident  
4 during the period of payments for disability or for the permanent injury, the  
5 remaining payments for disability then due or for the permanent injury shall be  
6 made to the person's dependents according to the provisions of sections 635  
7 and 636 of this title, or if there are none, the remaining amount due, but not  
8 exceeding ~~\$5,500.00~~ \$10,000.00 for burial and funeral expenses and expenses  
9 for out-of-state transportation of the decedent to the place of burial not to  
10 exceed ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$5,000.00, shall be paid in a lump sum to the proper person.

11 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.

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17 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Representative Botzow

FOR THE COMMITTEE