

CHAPTER 124

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

SENATE BILL 00-068

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AN ACT

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE BURIAL EXPENSE BENEFIT FOR DECEASED EMPLOYEES UNDER THE "WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT OF COLORADO", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SPECIFYING THAT SUCH INCREASE SHALL BE FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL OF A SUM NOT TO EXCEED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS TO A NEW LEVEL OF A SUM NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 8-42-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

8-42-123. Burial expenses. When, as a proximate result of an injury, death occurs to an injured employee, there shall be paid in one lump sum within thirty days after death a sum not to exceed ~~four~~ SEVEN thousand dollars for reasonable funeral and burial expenses. Said sum may be paid to the undertaker, cemetery, or any other person who has paid the funeral and burial costs, if the director so orders. If the employee leaves no dependents, compensation shall be limited to said sum and the compensation, if any, which has accrued to date of death and the medical, surgical, and hospital expenses provided in articles 40 to 47 of this title. If the deceased employee leaves dependents, said sum shall be paid in addition to all other sums of compensation provided for in this article.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to deaths occurring on or after February 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 17, 2000

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.