

HOUSE No. 117

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the payment of funeral expenses for poor and indigent persons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 117) of John W. Scibak, Michelle M. DuBois and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. relative to the payment of funeral expenses for certain persons. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the payment of funeral expenses for poor and indigent persons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 117A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure “\$3500” the following words:-
3 excluding cash advance items for services not directly provided by the funeral establishment and
4 not included on the general price list.

5 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
6 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure “\$3500” the following words:-
7 excluding cash advance items for services not directly provided by the funeral establishment and
8 not included on the general price list.

9 SECTION 3. Section 7 of chapter 118A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure “\$3500” the following words:-
11 excluding cash advance items for services not directly provided by the funeral establishment and
12 not included on the general price list.

13 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
14 contrary, the Department of Transitional Assistance shall amend all standards and regulations
15 applicable to the payment of funeral and final disposition expenses to exclude cash advance
16 items for services not directly provided by the funeral establishment and not included on the
17 general price list from the calculation of the total expense of said funeral and final disposition.