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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 167 Session of  
2025

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INTRODUCED BY BONNER, PICKETT, KHAN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, BURGOS,  
CIRESI AND COOPER, JANUARY 16, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 16, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dispositions  
3 independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills  
4 and grant of letters, further providing for payments to  
5 family and funeral directors.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 3101(b) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 3101. Payments to family and funeral directors.

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12 (b) Deposit account.--Any bank, savings association, savings  
13 and loan association, building and loan association, credit  
14 union or other savings organization, at any time after the death  
15 of a depositor, member or certificate holder, shall pay the  
16 amount on deposit or represented by the certificate, when the  
17 total standing to the credit of the decedent in that institution  
18 does not exceed [~~\$10,000~~] \$20,000, to the spouse, any child, the  
19 father or mother or any sister or brother (preference being

1 given in the order named) of the deceased depositor, member or  
2 certificate holder, provided that a receipted funeral bill or an  
3 affidavit, executed by a licensed funeral director which sets  
4 forth that satisfactory arrangements for payment of funeral  
5 services have been made, is presented. Any bank, association,  
6 credit union or other savings organization making such a payment  
7 shall be released to the same extent as if payment had been made  
8 to a duly appointed personal representative of the decedent and  
9 it shall not be required to see to the application thereof. Any  
10 person to whom payment is made shall be answerable therefor to  
11 anyone prejudiced by an improper distribution.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.