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Chapter No.: 33
Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Burials for indigent persons.**
Subject: Expenses for indigent persons' burials.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law requires each county to provide for the burial of indigent persons who do not receive benefits at the time of death from: Personal Opportunities with Employment Responsibilities (POWER); supplemental security income; or Wyoming Medicaid. This act limits a county's expenses to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for a burial or cremation for an indigent person. The act provides a similar limitation for burial or cremation expenses for certain United States military veterans with insufficient estates to pay for funeral expenses.
- Current law also requires the Department of Family Services to pay for the burial or cremation expenses for indigent persons who do receive benefits at the time of death from: POWER; supplemental security income; or Wyoming Medicaid. The act provides that this requirement is subject to the availability of funding.
- Additionally, the act imposes a five dollars (\$5.00) surcharge for each copy of a death certificate issued by the Department of Health. Upon legislative appropriation, half of the funds raised from the surcharge will be available for counties for indigent burial expenses and half of the funds will be available for the Department of Family Services for indigent burial expenses.

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