

# House Study Bill 597

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to workers' compensation benefit payments for  
2 burial expenses.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5507DP 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 85.28, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
1 2 follows:  
1 3 85.28 BURIAL EXPENSE.  
1 4 When death ensues from the injury, the employer shall pay  
1 5 the reasonable expenses of burial of such employee, not to  
1 6 exceed ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars~~ twelve times the  
1 7 statewide average weekly wage paid employees as determined by  
1 8 the department of workforce development under section 96.19,  
1 9 subsection 36, and in effect at the time of death, which shall  
1 10 be in addition to other compensation or any other benefit  
1 11 provided for in this chapter.

1 12 EXPLANATION

1 13 This bill provides a computation for determining workers'  
1 14 compensation benefit payments for burial expenses, changing  
1 15 from a flat \$7,500 to 12 times the statewide average weekly  
1 16 wage rate as determined by the department of workforce  
1 17 development.  
1 18 LSB 5507DP 82  
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