

1 SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be
 2 in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in
 3 The Muscatine Journal & News-Tribune, a newspaper published at
 4 Muscatine, Iowa, and the Wright County Monitor, a newspaper pub-
 5 lished at Clarion, Iowa.

Approved March 28, 1939.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in The Muscatine Journal & News-Tribune, April 5, 1939, and the Wright County Monitor, April 6, 1939.

EARL G. MILLER, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 142

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

H. F. 235

AN ACT to repeal section fifty-two hundred ninety-six-f twenty-five (5296-f25), code, 1935, as amended by chapter one hundred thirty-seven (137), acts of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to funeral expenses for persons receiving old age assistance.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section fifty-two hundred ninety-six-f twenty-five
 2 (5296-f25), Code, 1935, as amended by chapter one hundred thirty-
 3 seven (137), Acts of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, is hereby
 4 repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:

5 "On the death of any person to whom a certificate of old age assist-
 6 ance has been issued and has not been cancelled, such reasonable
 7 funeral expenses shall be paid from the old age assistance fund to such
 8 person as the county board directs, in an amount of not to exceed
 9 one hundred dollars (\$100); provided:

10 1. That the total expense of such funeral does not exceed two hun-
 11 dred dollars (\$200).

12 2. That the decedent does not leave an estate which may be pro-
 13 bated, subject to the provisions of section fifty-two hundred ninety-
 14 six-f fifteen (5296-f15), Code, 1935, as amended by section twelve
 15 (12), chapter one hundred thirty-seven (137), acts of the Forty-sev-
 16 enth General Assembly, with sufficient proceeds to allow a funeral
 17 claim of at least two hundred dollars (\$200), as provided by section
 18 eleven thousand nine hundred sixty-nine (11,969), Code, 1935.

19 3. That no payment in an amount equal to two hundred dollars
 20 (\$200) is due the decedent's estate, spouse, children, father, mother,
 21 brother or sister, by reason of the liability of any life insurance or
 22 death or funeral benefit company, association, or society, to be made
 23 in the event of the death of such decedent who is a recipient of old
 24 age assistance.

25 4. That in the event the total funeral expenses for a recipient of
 26 old age assistance exceed the division's liability of one hundred dollars
 27 (\$100), as provided under one (1), two (2) and three (3) above, the
 28 additional expenses shall accrue only when made necessary by the
 29 transportation of the body for a distance of more than twenty miles
 30 from the place of death, when the purchase price of the burial lot

31 exceeds twenty dollars (\$20), when it is necessary to secure a non-
 32 standard casket because of the excess size or deformity of the body
 33 of the decedent, or when the family or next best friend of the decedent
 34 specify the use of a steel or concrete, outside, burial vault.

35 Any funeral expenses thus paid by the division shall become a part
 36 of the claim for assistance paid the individual recipient of old age
 37 assistance and shall be collectible under the provisions of sections
 38 fifty-two hundred ninety-six-fifteen (5296-f15) and fifty-two hundred
 39 ninety-six-fifteen (5296-f16), Code, 1935, both sections as amended
 40 by chapter one hundred thirty-seven (137), acts of the Forty-seventh
 41 General Assembly.

42 When no claim is filed, or whenever a claim is filed and disallowed,
 43 for the payment of funeral expenses, as provided for by this chapter
 44 and section, and the person furnishing such services and merchan-
 45 dise, in connection with the funeral of a deceased recipient of old age
 46 assistance, files a claim against the decedent's estate, as provided for
 47 by chapter five hundred seven (507), Code, 1935, such claim shall not
 48 be allowed in an amount exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200)."

Approved April 24, 1939.

CHAPTER 143

COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITALS

S. F. 75

AN ACT to amend chapters 269 and 269-A1 of the code, 1935, and all amendments thereto, and to provide for the financing of the erection of the hospital buildings and additions thereto, by the issuance of county public hospital bonds, and to provide for an increase in the tax rate for the improvement and maintenance of county public hospitals, in counties having a population of one hundred thirty-five thousand inhabitants or over.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 269 of the Code, 1935, is amended by adding
 2 thereto after section five thousand three hundred forty-eight (5348)
 3 the following section:

4 "The Board of Supervisors of any county having a population of one
 5 hundred thirty-five thousand inhabitants or more in which there is
 6 already an established county public hospital, when requested by a
 7 petition therefor signed by qualified electors of the county equal in
 8 number to five per cent of the votes cast at the last general election,
 9 and which petition shall have been approved by the Board of Hospital
 10 Trustees, shall submit to the voters at the next general election or
 11 at a special election called therefor, the proposition of issuing county
 12 public hospital bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping hospi-
 13 tal buildings and additions thereto, which proposition shall state the
 14 maximum amount of bonds to be issued and the annual rate of tax
 15 to be levied for the payment of said bonds. Should the proposition
 16 carry at such election by a majority equal to at least sixty per cent
 17 of all the votes cast for or against such proposition, the Board of Super-
 18 visors shall proceed to issue the bonds in the form provided in section