

1 reasonable funeral service expenses or reasonable burial expenses
2 for indigent persons in an amount not to exceed \$1,250.

3 (b) For purposes of this section, the indigency of a deceased
4 person is determined by the filing of an affidavit with the
5 department, in a form provided by and determined in accordance with
6 the income guidelines as set forth by the department: (1) Signed
7 by the heir or heirs-at-law which states that the estate of the
8 deceased person is pecuniarily unable to pay the costs associated
9 with a funeral or burial; or (2) signed by the county coroner or
10 the county health officer, the attending physician or other person
11 signing the death certificate or the state medical examiner stating
12 that the deceased person has no heirs or that heirs have not been
13 located after a reasonable search and that the deceased person had
14 no estate or the estate is pecuniarily unable to pay the costs
15 associated with a funeral or burial.

16 (c) Payment shall be made by the department to the person or
17 persons who have furnished the services and supplies for the
18 indigent person's funeral or burial expenses or to the persons who
19 have advanced payment for same, as the department may determine,
20 pursuant to appropriations for expenditures made by the Legislature
21 for ~~such~~ that purpose.

22 (d) For purposes of this section, "reasonable funeral service
23 expenses" means expenses for funeral services provided by a West
24 Virginia licensed funeral director, ~~for the disposition of human~~

1 ~~remains~~ and "reasonable burial expenses" means expenses for burial
2 services provided by a person or business entity authorized by West
3 Virginia law to provide burial services.

4 (e) ~~Any~~ A person who knowingly swears falsely in an affidavit
5 required by this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor and,
6 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or
7 confined in ~~the county or regional jail~~ a correctional facility for
8 a period of not more than six months, or both.