



**CONNECTICUT
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
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**Legislative Summary of
Public Act 04-233 (House Bill 5163)**

An Act Concerning Funeral and Burial Plot Allowances

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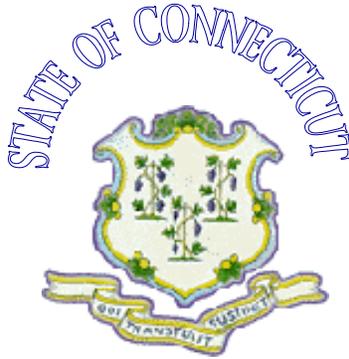
On October 1, 2004, CFDA's much sought after legislation defining "burial plots" will become law. Public Act 04-233, An Act Concerning Funeral and Burial Plot Allowances, adds clarity to the burial plot definition and ensures that consumers seeking to make their funeral and burial arrangements are able to prearrange for the most basic of funeral items.

In addition to the irrevocable funeral contract (statutorily set at \$5,400), this new law permits consumers to set aside defined "burial plot" items without affecting their eligibility for Medicaid.

Public Act 04-233 defines "burial plot" as:

- purchase of a gravesite
- opening and closing of gravesite
- cremation urn
- casket
- outer burial container
- headstone or marker

Finally, this act requires the Department of Social Services to apply these exclusions uniformly throughout the state.



House Bill No. 5163

Public Act No. 04-233

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL AND BURIAL PLOT ALLOWANCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 17b-91 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2004*)

(NEW) (f) The exclusion for the burial fund amount in subsection (a) of this section, the exclusion for the burial plot value in subsection (b) of this section and the exclusion for the irrevocable funeral contract value in subsection © of this section shall be applied by the commissioner uniformly throughout the state. For purposes of this section, "burial plot" means a purchase of a grave site, opening and closing of a grave site, cremation urn, casket, outer burial container and a headstone or marker.

Approved on June 8, 2004