



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 1974 Printer's No. 3139

Prime Sponsor: Representative Longietti
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) to increase the permitted amount of a decedent's wages that may be paid by an employer to the decedent's family.

SUMMARY:

Under current law, the employer of a person who dies in Pennsylvania may, regardless of whether a personal representative has been appointed, pay wages, salary, or benefits that were due to the deceased employee in an amount not exceeding \$5,000 to the spouse, any child, the father or mother, or any sibling of the deceased employee. This bill increases the cap on such payments from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This bill is effective in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Passed the House on June 30, 2016 by a vote of 195-0.
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