

1 HB461
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3 By Representative Scott
4 RFD: Insurance
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under the existing workers' compensation
9 law, if a covered employee dies as a result of an
10 employment related accident or occupational
11 disease, the employer is required to pay burial
12 expenses not to exceed \$3,000.

13 This bill would increase this amount up to
14 \$6,500.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to workers' compensation; to amend Section
21 25-5-67 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the maximum
22 burial expense when an employee dies as a result of an
23 employment related accident or occupational disease.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 25-5-67 of the Code of Alabama
26 1975, is amended to read as follows:

27 "§25-5-67.

1 "If death results to an employee as the result of an
2 accident or an occupational disease arising out of and in the
3 course of the employment, the employer shall pay, in addition
4 to the medical and hospital expenses provided for in Section
5 25-5-77, the expenses of burial, not exceeding in amount
6 ~~\$3,000.00~~ six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500). If a
7 dispute arises as to the reasonable value of the services
8 rendered in connection with the burial, the same shall be
9 approved by the court before payment after reasonable notice
10 to interested parties as the court may require."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.