

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 1993**

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**HOUSE BILL 868\***

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Short Title: Raise Funeral Expense Allowance. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Wainwright; and Sutton.

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Referred to: Finance.

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April 12, 1993

1                           A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO RAISE THE FUNERAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE IN PROBATE  
3 PROCEEDINGS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5                           Section 1. G.S. 28A-19-6 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 28A-19-6. Order of payment of claims.**

7                           After payment of costs and expenses of administration, the claims against the estate  
8 of a decedent must be paid in the following order:

9                           First class. Claims which by law have a specific lien on property to an amount not  
10 exceeding the value of such property.

11                          Second class. Funeral expenses to the extent of ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~—five  
12 thousand dollars (\$5,000). This limitation shall not include cemetery lot or gravestone.

13                          The preferential limitation herein granted shall be construed to be only a limit with  
14 respect to preference of payment and shall not be construed to be a limitation on  
15 reasonable funeral expenses which may be incurred; nor shall the preferential limitation  
16 of payment in the amount of ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~—five thousand dollars (\$5,000)  
17 be diminished by any Veterans Administration, social security or other federal  
18 governmental benefits awarded to the estate of the decedent or to his or her  
19 beneficiaries.

20                          Third class. All dues, taxes, and other claims with preference under the laws of the  
21 United States.

22                          Fourth class. All dues, taxes, and other claims with preference under the laws of the  
23 State of North Carolina and its subdivisions.

1        Fifth class. Judgments of any court of competent jurisdiction within the State,  
2 docketed and in force, to the extent to which they are a lien on the property of the  
3 decedent at his death.

4        Sixth class. Wages due to any employee employed by the decedent, which claim for  
5 wages shall not extend to a period of more than 12 months next preceding the death; or  
6 if such employee was employed for the year current at the decease, then from the time  
7 of such employment; for medical services within the 12 months preceding the decease;  
8 for drugs and all other medical supplies necessary for the treatment of such decedent  
9 during the last illness of such decedent, said period of last illness not to exceed 12  
10 months.

11        Seventh class. All other claims."

12            Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993, and applies to estates of  
13 persons dying on or after that date.