NOTICE

D. C. LAW 3-47

"Choice of Undertaker Act of 1979"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 3-112, on first and second readings, September 25, 1979 and October 23, 1979 respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on November 9, 1979, this legislation was assigned Act No. 3-125, published in the November 23, 1979, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 26 page 2315) and transmitted to Congress on November 19, 1979 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and, therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 3-47 effective January 5, 1980.

ARRINGTON DIXON
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

November 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

December 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31,

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOV 0 9 1979

To permit family choice of funeral establishment for burial of public assistance recipients, indigents and wards of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

That this act may be cited as the "Choice of Undertaker Act of 1979".

Sec. 2 (a). Funeral and burial services pursuant to section 14 of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1962. approved October 15. 1962 (76 Stat. 917; D.C. Code. sec. 3-213) and section 3 of the Act To authorize certain programs and activities of the government of the District of Columbia and for other purposes. approved October 26. 1973 (87 Stat. 504; D.C. Code, sec. 3-213a) shall be provided according to this act.

(b) The family of the deceased may choose a funeral director or establishment to provide a funeral service from a list of firms who have signed agreements with the Mayor to provide such services. The Mayor is authorized to pay a

maximum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) for a complete
adult funeral service including the burial plot. A maximum
of forty dollars (\$40) in private funds may be contributed
to purchase flowers, a memorial book and an obituary notice.
No other additional payment is permitted.

- (c) The Mayor shall define a complete adult, infant and child funeral service and a cremation service. The Mayor shall also establish a schedule of lower maximum payments for infant and child funeral services and a cremation service.
- (d) The Mayor may annually adjust the amount to be paid for each funeral service including burial plot, in a manner which reflects but does not exceed the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index, as defined by the United States

 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding such adjustment.
- (e) The Mayor shall monitor the provider of funeral services to insure that complete, dignified and high quality funeral services are provided.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed as repealing or in any way modifying any provision of An Act for the promotion of anatomical science and to prevent the desecration of graves in the District of Columbia, approved April 29, 1902 (32 Stat. 173; D.C. Code, secs. 2-201 through

2-209). An Act to provide for the establishment of a public crematorium in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved April 20, 1906 (34 Stat. 123; D.C. Code. sec. 27-131). or An Act To amend an Act to provide for the establishment of a public crematorium in the District of Columbia, approved December 4, 1967 (81 Stat. 532; D.C. Code, sec. 27-130).

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect on January 1. 1980.

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APPROVED: November 9, 1979

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