

No. 168

AN ACT

HB 1387

Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, increasing amounts of wages, salary, vacation benefits or pensions payable to a family of a deceased employee in the absence of the appointment of a personal representative.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 3101 of Title 20, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended May 10, 1974 (P.L.282, No.84), is amended to read:

§ 3101. Payment of wages, salary, vacation benefits to family.

Any employer of a person dying domiciled in the Commonwealth at any time after the death of the employee, whether or not a personal representative has been appointed, may pay wages, salary or any accrued vacation benefits or pension due the deceased in an amount not exceeding [~~\$2,000~~] **\$3,500** to the spouse, any child, the father or mother, or any sister or brother (preference being given in the order named) of the deceased employee. Any employer making such a payment shall be released to the same extent as if payment had been made to a duly appointed personal representative of the decedent and he shall not be required to see to the application thereof. Any person to whom payment is made shall be answerable therefor to anyone prejudiced by an improper distribution.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of December, A. D. 1975.

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