

Senate Bill 326

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Stoner of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, Adelman of the 42nd,
Miles of the 43rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 insurance generally, so as to provide that all policies of life insurance issued in this state shall
3 provide for the payment of a minimum burial benefit which shall be paid directly to the
4 funeral home or funeral director that handled the burial or cremation of the insured; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance
9 generally, is amended by adding a new Code Section 33-24-6.2 to read as follows:

10 "33-24-6.2.

11 All policies or contracts of life insurance issued, delivered, or issued for delivery in this
12 state on and after July 1, 2005, shall provide for the payment of a minimum cremation
13 benefit in the amount of \$500.00 and a minimum burial benefit of \$1,500.00 which shall
14 be paid directly to the funeral home or funeral director that handled the burial or cremation
15 of the insured. Such benefit shall be paid prior to the distribution of any funds from such
16 policy or contract of life insurance to any beneficiary of such policy or contract."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.