

January 22, 2004

To: Health and Human Services Committee

From: Pam Scott, Executive Director
Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association

Re: Bill Introduction
Amendment to K.S. A. 16-303

Chairman Morrison and members of the Committee, on behalf of the Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association (KFDA), I would like to request the introduction of legislation that would amend K.S.A. 16-303 to increase the amount of funds that can be placed in an irrevocable funeral service agreement contract or plan.

The proposed amendment, which is attached, would increase the amount of funds from \$3500 to \$5000. This amount is in addition to the retail price of a casket, urn, and outside burial container. This amount has not been increased since 1998.

The KFDA does not believe this bill will have any fiscal impact on the State of Kansas. We have discussed this proposed amendment with representatives of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and they have indicated they have no objection to the increase.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill request. I would be happy to respond to any questions.