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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: WD 04/02/2013

The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Montford) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (457546) (with title amendment)

Before line 214

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Section 4. Section 409.9022, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.9022 Medicaid eligibility; burial expense exemption.-

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department, in determining an applicant's eligibility for Medicaid, shall exempt the value of a life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate if:

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- (a) The life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate:
- 1. Is issued pursuant to part IV of chapter 497 to fund an irrevocable preneed contract;
- 2. Is irrevocably designated to pay the owner's final burial expenses and has a face amount that does not exceed the limits established under s. 626.785(3); or
- 3. Includes terms that preclude the use of its proceeds for anything other than the payment of the owner's final burial expense and has a face amount that does not exceed the limits established under s. 626.785(3); and
- (b) The owner of such policy, annuity, or group certificate:
- 1. Has named the state as the irrevocable beneficiary such that any proceeds of the life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate which exceed the owner's final burial expenses shall be remitted to the state up to the amount of Medicaid benefits provided; and
- 2. Is provided with an opportunity to name a contingent beneficiary if the proceeds from the policy exceed the cost of the owner's final burial expenses and the amount of Medicaid benefits provided to the owner.
- (2) The department may adopt rules to administer this section.

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 1505

and insert:

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registering a motor vehicle; creating s. 409.9022, F.S.; exempting the value of a Medicaid applicant's life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate from the determination of the applicant's Medicaid eligibility under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to adopt rules; amending s. 554.1021,