

after due notice, whether they appear or are defaulted, the court may proceed against them in the same manner as if they had been summoned upon the original complaint.

*Section 17.* A treasurer of a savings bank, national bank, trust company, cooperative bank, benefit association, insurance company or safe deposit company authorized to do business in the commonwealth who, upon written request, signed by an officer of the department, unreasonably refuses to inform him of the amount deposited in the corporation or association to the credit of a person named in such request as a charge upon the commonwealth, or as an applicant to the commonwealth for public assistance under chapter one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and eighteen A or one hundred and eighteen D, or who wilfully renders false information in reply to such request, shall forfeit fifty dollars to the use of the commonwealth. Upon such request, a treasurer, as aforesaid, shall furnish the records on deposits and withdrawals during the past five years, concerning any applicant for or recipient of public assistance under chapter one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and eighteen A or one hundred and eighteen D to any officer of the department.

*Section 18.* The department shall provide for the decent burial of all deceased persons who were at the time of death recipients of aid or assistance under this chapter; all deceased persons who, although without means of support at the time of death, did not apply for such aid or assistance; and all unknown persons found dead. It shall also provide for the grave of each such deceased person a suitable marker bearing the name and dates of birth and death of such deceased person, if known, and for the opening of such grave. The expense thereof may be recovered of their kindred, if any, chargeable by law for their support in the manner provided in this chapter; and, if the expense of their funeral and burial is not paid by such kindred, an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars for the funeral expenses of each person.

*Section 19.* In case of the decease of a poor and indigent person the commonwealth shall pay for the expense of the funeral and burial of such person the sum of three hundred dollars; provided, that the deceased left no estate and that his kindred are unable to pay for his decent burial; and provided, further, that the funeral director engaged in conducting the funeral and burial of said deceased person shall perform the services and furnish the materials in connection therewith as follows: — removal of body; procuring of death certificate and burial permit; embalming and dressing of body; furnishing suitable burial garment; furnishing suitable casket, bearing metal plate with name of deceased engraved thereon; furnishing outer case of pine wood; furnishing hearse for transporting body of the deceased to a cemetery within a distance of ten miles; furnishing conveyance for transporting to such cemetery the immediate family of the deceased; and procuring of a clergyman, of the religion that the deceased professed, to officiate at the funeral.

In such a case, the department shall also pay to the funeral director such additional sum, if any, not exceeding fifty dollars, as may be expended for procuring a burial place for the body of the deceased, opening the grave, obtaining the use of interment devices and transporting the body of the deceased to a cemetery beyond a distance of ten miles.

*Section 20.* The commonwealth shall be liable for any expense necessarily incurred under this chapter for the relief of a person in need of