

# ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

## **Legislative Document**

### No. 1204

H. P. 1008 House of Representatives, March 10, 1981 Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Cunningham of New Gloucester.

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

### AN ACT Concerning the Payment of Burial Expense for Certain State Wards.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

34 MRSA § 2519 is enacted to read:

§ 2519. Burial expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the burial expenses for a patient who dies at Augusta Mental Health Institute, Bangor Mental Health Institute, the Elizabeth Levenson Center and Pineland Center, and for which no other individual is liable, shall be paid by the State.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the State to pay the burial expenses for state wards who die at Augusta Mental Health Institute, Bangor Mental Health Institute, the Elizabeth Levenson Center and the Pineland Center if there is no responsible party liable to pay. Presently, these costs are paid by the municipality where the facility is located.