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S.P. 337			In Senate, March 3, 198
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			nacted by PL 1971, c. lowing enacted in its
§17. Sup	erintendent		
worthy Su Cemetery. discharge	perintendent The super d war veterar	of the Mai cintendent n or a war	competent and trust- ne Veterans' Memorial shall be an honorably veteran who is cur- ces in a nonactive or
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Sec. 2. 37-A MRSA §17-A is enacted to read:

2 §17-A. Equipment acquisition

3 <u>1. Requirement. The director shall arrange for</u>
4 <u>the acquisition of equipment and material necessary</u>
5 for adequate maintenance of the cemetery.

2. Capital Improvement Fund. To provide funds 6 7 for the acquisition of necessary maintenance equip-8 ment and material, there is created a Capital Improvement Fund to be administered by the director. 9 10 The fund shall consist of 50% of the burial allowance paid to the State by the Federal Government for the 11 12 burial of eligible veterans. In the event that the 13 Federal Government ceases to pay the burial allowance to the State, the fund shall be funded at an appro-14 15 priate level from the General Fund. Any unexpended 16 balance in the fund shall not lapse, but shall be 17 carried forward into the next year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The purpose of this bill is to create a fund to 20 used to purchase equipment and material necessary be for maintenance of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Ceme-21 The fund will be nonlapsing, will be adminis-22 tery. 23 tered by the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' 24 Affairs and will be financed by 1/2 of the burial allowance paid by the Federal Government for burial 25 26 of veterans in the cemetery. The State receives \$150 27 for each of the approximately 320 veterans buried in cemetery each year. That whole amount now goes 28 the to the General Fund. 29

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