

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 876

House of Representatives, February 20, 1963

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion by Mr. Crockett of Freeport, referred to the Committee on Municipal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Finley of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Repealing Laws Requiring Fences Around Burying Grounds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 58, § 2, repealed. Section 2 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 58, § 3, amended. The first and 3rd sentences of section 3 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

~~'Each town, parish religious society and any individual, association or corporation to which any ancient or public burying ground belongs shall keep a substantial fence around it in good repair; and in~~ In any ancient or public ~~such~~ burying ground in which any Revolutionary soldiers or sailors or soldier or sailor who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps in any war is buried, the town in which said burying ground is located shall keep in good condition and repair, all graves, headstones, monuments or markers designating the burial place of said Revolutionary soldiers or sailors or soldier or sailor who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps in any war and shall keep the grass suitably cut and trimmed on such graves during the summer season.'

~~'Each said town, parish, religious society, individual, association or corporation shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$25 for neglect to maintain such fence in good repair, and each~~ Each said town shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10 for neglect to keep in good condition and repair all such graves, headstones, monuments and markers or failing to keep the grass suitably cut and trimmed ~~as aforesaid~~ on said graves.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 58, § 5, amended. The first sentence of section 5 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The county commissioners of any county in which there is an unincorporated place or places wherein are any ancient or public burying grounds shall cause the same to be suitably fenced and thereafter maintained; they also shall cause the burying grounds aforesaid to be kept in proper condition and any bushes therein to be cut.'