

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 544

H. P. 397

House of Representatives, February 1, 1967

Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Drummond of Sidney.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Maintenance and Repairs of Cemeteries.

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

R. S., T. 13, § 1101, amended. Section 1101 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1101. Maintenance and repairs; town and county

In any ancient or public 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. **All unused public cemeteries wherein no burial has occurred for 10 years past must have a substantial fence erected and maintained by the municipality wherein the cemetery is located and by the county in unorganized territory.** Towns may raise and appropriate money for such purposes. Each said town or county shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100 for neglect to keep in good condition and repair all such fences, graves, headstones, monuments and markers or failing to keep the grass suitably cut and trimmed on said graves. The penalties shall be recovered in a civil action brought in the name and for the use of any chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution or post of the American Legion against such negligent town, county, parish, religious society, individual association or corporation.