

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1530

H. P. 1057

House of Representatives, March 9, 1967

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Snowe of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Prohibiting Solicitation by Crematoriums of Prearranged Cremations.

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

R. S., T. 32, § 1402, amended. Section 1402 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

§ 1402. Solicitation of prearranged funerals and cremations and funeral business prohibited

No **crematorium**, funeral home, funeral establishment or person holding a license under this chapter shall as, or through, an agent or principal solicit a prearranged, **cremation or** funeral service or plan for any person or persons. "Prearranged **cremation or** funeral service or plan" shall mean any **cremation or** funeral service or plan which is arranged, planned or determined prior to the demise of a person or persons for whom the **cremation or** funeral service is to be performed. Funeral homes, funeral establishments, **crematoriums** and licensees under this chapter may enter into contracts or agreements for prearranged **cremation or** funeral services or plans provided that they do not in any manner either as, or through, principals or agents solicit such contract or agreement.

No **crematorium**, funeral home, funeral establishment or person licensed under this chapter shall pay or cause to be paid, directly or indirectly, any money or other things of value to a person not responsible for payment for the **cremation or** funeral as a commission or gratuity for the securing of business for such **crematorium**, funeral home, establishment or licensee.

Any person who violates this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.