

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 501

House of Representatives, February 5, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Burial of Honorably Discharged Veterans.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 37, § 153, amended.** Section 153 of Title 37 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 153. Burial expenses**

Whenever any person who has served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States and was honorably discharged therefrom shall die, being at the time of his death a resident of this State and in destitute circumstances, the State, through the Department of Veterans Services, shall pay the necessary expenses of his burial; or whenever the widow of any person who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States and was honorably discharged therefrom shall die, being at the time of her death a resident of this State and being in destitute circumstances and having no kindred living within this State and of sufficient ability legally liable for her support, the State, through the Department of Veterans Services, shall pay the necessary expenses of her burial. Such expenses shall not exceed the sum of \$250 in any case ~~and the burial shall be in some cemetery not used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead.~~

**Sec. 2. P. L., 1963, c. 433, § 5, repealed.** Section 5 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1963 is repealed, as follows:

~~Sec. 5. Payment. Upon payment of the claim by the Department of Veterans Services, as provided for in the Revised Statutes, chapter 26, sections 20 and 21, the Department of Health and Welfare will reimburse the Department of Veterans Services for the expenditures so made from any~~

available funds that may properly be used for this purpose. The reimbursement so made shall be credited to the operating funds available to the Department of Veterans Services.