

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2095**

H. P. 1702

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cressey of North Berwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT to Permit Town of North Berwick to Accept a Conveyance of the Friends Burying Ground and the Endowments Connected Therewith.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Town of North Berwick at its annual town meeting held March 10, 1973, voted to accept a conveyance of the Friends Burying Ground and the endowments connected therewith to be managed and controlled as a private burial ground by the North Berwick Cemetery Association; and

Whereas, the size of the Friends Burying Ground is approximately one acre in area; and

Whereas, the Town of North Berwick is now prohibited from completing the transfer of the property and endowment funds by application of the Revised Statutes, Title 13, section 1222; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Town of North Berwick; authorized.** The Town of North Berwick is exempted from the Revised Statutes, Title 13, section 1222 and the town is authorized to implement its vote at the annual town meeting held March 10,

1973 to proceed to accept a conveyance of the Friends Burying Ground and the endowment funds connected therewith, to be managed and controlled by the North Berwick Cemetery Association under such rules and regulations as it may promulgate to retain the private character of the Friends Burying Ground.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.