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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 659, L.D. 2084, Bill,
"AN ACT to Prohibit Embalming when an Autopsy has been Authorized."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'32 MRSA §1404-A is enacted to read:

§1404-A. No embalming when autopsy authorized

The next of kin or legal representative of a person who
has died may authorize an autopsy. If an autopsy is authorized,
no person shall inject into or remove from any artery, vein,
or cavity of the body of the person who has died any fluid,
gas or other substance except by or with the permission of a
pathologist, medical examiner or licensed physician in
attendance.

On completion of the autopsy, the body shall be released
for normal handling.

The provisions of this section do not apply to deaths
within the jurisdiction of medical examiners or autopsies as
authorized in Title 22, chapter 711.

A violation of this section is a Class E crime.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will prevent any embalmer or funeral director
from injecting any fluid or substance into any cavity or artery
of the body when an autopsy has been authorized except with

the permission of the pathologist, medical examiner or
licensed physician in attendance.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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