

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 445

H. P. 352

House of Representatives, February 16, 1977

On motion of Ms. Clark of Freeport, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning the Disposition of Human Remains.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 2841, sub-§ 1, first sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The funeral director who first assumes custody of a fetus shall be responsible for filing the certificate.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 2842, sub-§ 1, first sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The funeral director in charge of the disposition of the dead human body or its removal from the State shall be responsible for filing the certificate.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA § 2843, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Except as authorized by the department, no dead human body shall be buried, cremated or otherwise disposed of or removed from the State until a licensed funeral director in charge of such final disposition or removal has obtained a permit from the clerk of the municipality where death occurred.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit a person from practicing funeral services unless a license is issued to him by the State Board of Funeral Services under Title 32, chapter 21.