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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 823

H. P. 698

House of Representatives, February 12, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Nelson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Repeal Certain Provisions Relating to Burial Expenses and Reimbursement Under Relief of Poor Veterans.

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

Sec. 1. 37 MRSA § 153, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 230, § 3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 37 MRSA § 154, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 537, § 42, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present provisions in the law allow the Bureau of Veterans Services a sum not exceeding \$400 for burials of veterans or wives. This sum is totally inadequate to provide any burial expenses for any Maine veterans who qualify under Title 37, sections 153 and 154. The municipalities now provide a minimum of \$525. Based on the last 6 years, we have had no request from any of the funeral directors or municipalities to draw any money for burial expenses. It is the bureau's contention that as we have had no requests for the last 6 years, Title 37, sections 153 and 154 should be repealed or increased to an amount that would be beneficial to the veteran in case of need. No appropriation changes are affected.