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STATE OF MAINE
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-240)
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 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1008, L.D. 1204, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Payment of Burial Expense for Certain State Wards."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 34 MRSA §2519 is enacted to read:

§2519. Burial expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the burial expenses for a patient who dies at Augusta Mental Health Institute, Bangor Mental Health Institute, the Elizabeth Levinson Center or Pineland Center, shall be paid by a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, children and grandchildren, by consanguinity, living within the State and of sufficient ability. If no ^{such} person exists or can be found, the State shall pay the burial expenses.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$4,500	\$4,500'

Statement of Fact

The amendment corrects a printing error in the bill. It also clarifies who would be considered liable for the individual. The State is the payor of last resort, so an appropriation is necessary.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
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