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1	L.D. 602
2	(Filing No. H-136)
3	STATE OF MAINE
4	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5	112TH LEGISLATURE
6	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
7 8 9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \boldsymbol{A} " to H.P. 422, L.D. 602, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Permit Procedures Relative to Final Disposition of Dead Human Bodies."
10	Amend the bill in section 1, first paragraph,
11	lines 10 and 11 (page 1, lines 34 and 35 in L.D.) by
12 13	striking out the underlined words "by burial or entombment"
14	Further amend the bill in section 1, first para-
15	graph, line 13 (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "except as required by Title
16	out the underlined words "except as required by Title 32, section 1405" and inserting in their place the
17 18	following: 'provided that the requirements of Title
19	32, section 1405, are met in appropriate cases'
20	Further amend the bill in section 1 by adding at
21	the end a new paragraph to read:
22	'A municipal clerk may issue a permit for final
23	disposition by cremation, burial at sea, use by medi-
24 25	cal science or removal from the State only upon re- ceipt of a certificate of release by a duly appointed
26	medical examiner as specified in Title 32, section
27	1405.'
28	STATEMENT OF FACT
29	This amendment addresses situations where a body
30	is to be disposed of by cremation, burial at sea, use
31	by medical science or removal from the State. In
32	those situations, the body may not be exhumed after
33	burial for inspection for evidence of foul play or
34	disease. Therefore, it is important that a municipal

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- clerk not issue a permit for final disposition by these means unless a medical examiner's certificate
- 3 is received by the clerk.

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