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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 910

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7 H.P. 560

House of Representatives, March 1, 1985

8 On motion of Representative Brannigan of Portland referred to the
9 Committee on Human Resources and ordered printed. Sent up for
concurrency.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Stevenson of Unity.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Funeral and Burial Expenses
18 of Municipal General Assistance
19 Recipients.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 22 MRSA §4313, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1983, c.
24 701, §4, is further amended to read:

25 2. Burial. In the event of the death of an eli-
26 gible person, the funeral director shall, except when
27 extenuating circumstances prevent that notice, notify
28 the overseer prior to making any burial preparations.
29 Notwithstanding section 4305, subsection 3, paragraph
30 C, a decision on any application for assistance with
31 burial expenses need not be rendered until the over-
32 seer has verified that no relative or other resource
33 is available to pay for the burial costs, but in no
34 case shall the decision be rendered more than 10 days
35 after receiving an application. The father, mother,
36 grandfather, grandmother, children or grandchildren,

1 by consanguinity, living within or owning real or
2 tangible property within the State, shall be respon-
3 sible for the burial costs of the eligible person in
4 proportion to their respective abilities.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to amend the law
7 dealing with burial of persons eligible for municipal
8 assistance to provide that funeral directors need not
9 give notice to the overseer prior to making burial
10 preparations when circumstances prevent that notice.

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