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L.D. 1317

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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 437, L.D. 1317, Bill, "AN ACT to Modify Certain Sections of the Medical Examiner Act to Control Public Dissemination of Information Placed on the Death Certificate by the Medical Examiner in Cases under Investigation by the Attorney General's Office."

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the first paragraph in the 6th to 9th lines (page 2, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "within 24 hours of the time he is notified of the death, unless the remains must be held longer before release to complete studies or investigation" and inserting in its place the following: ~~'within-24--hours of--the--time-he-is-notified-of-the-death,--unless-the remains--must--be--held--longer--before--release--to--complete--studies--or--investigation'~~

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following: 'A certification need not be completed before the remains are ready for release.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the 2nd paragraph in the 7th and 8th lines (page 2, lines 11 and 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "as to place, cause, manner and circumstances of death"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 437, L.D. 1317

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment clarifies the time period within
3 which the medical examiner must complete the certifi-
4 cate of death by simply allowing him to complete the
5 certificate when the remains of the deceased are
6 ready to be released. The amendment also clarifies
7 that the Attorney General may withhold any informa-
8 tion from disclosure on the death certificate until
9 that disclosure will not prejudice any pending inves-
10 tigation into the death.

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