

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1046 House of Representatives, May 4, 1987  
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to  
Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested  
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative TUPPER of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Representatives FARNUM of South Berwick,  
HICKEY of Augusta, and Senator GOULD of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Increase Penalties for Violation of  
2 Laws Relating to Vital Statistics.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 22 MRSA §2708, sub-§2 is amended to read:

7 2. General. Any person who knowingly transports  
8 or accepts for transportation, interment or other  
9 disposition a dead body without an accompanying per-  
10 mit issued in accordance with this Title; any person  
11 who refuses to provide information required by this  
12 Title; or any person who violates any of the provi-  
13 sions of this Title having to do with the registra-  
14 tion of vital statistics or neglects or refuses to  
15 perform any of the duties imposed upon him by this  
16 Title, having to do with the registration of vital

1. statistics, ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and~~  
2. commits a Class E crime; except that upon conviction  
3. and notwithstanding Title 17-A, sections 1301 and  
4. 1252, he shall be fined not less than \$25 \$100 nor  
5. more than \$100 \$1,000.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The penalties for violation of vital statistics  
8 laws which are provided in the Maine Revised Stat-  
9 utes, Title 22, section 2708, subsection 2, and sec-  
10 tion 2709 were established in 1973. The prescribed  
11 fines of \$25 to \$100 are too low to be effective  
12 deterrents today. Violations cause unnecessary in-  
13 convenience and problems to concerned individuals and  
14 families and may mask serious violations and criminal  
15 acts.

16 This bill amends Title 22, section 2708, subsec-  
17 tion 2, to increase fines for violations of the laws  
18 relating to vital statistics to be not less than \$100  
19 nor more than \$1,000.

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