

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 98

In Senate, February 9, 1989

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook, Representative FARNUM of South Berwick and Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

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### STATE OF MAINE

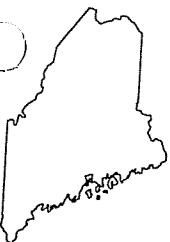
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

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An Act to Clarify the Functions of Subregistrars.

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1       **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3               **22 MRSA §2844**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 231, §4, is  
5 further amended to read:

7       **§2844. Subregistrars**

9               The town or city clerk may appoint one or more suitable and  
proper persons in the municipality as subregistrars, who shall be  
11 authorized to issue ~~burial-permits-and~~ permits for transportation  
~~and final disposition~~ of dead human bodies ~~based-upon-a-death-~~  
13 ~~certificate,~~ in the same manner as is required of the town or  
city clerk. The said completed death certificate or report of  
15 death, upon which the permit is issued, together with a copy of  
the burial-transit permit shall be forwarded to the town clerk  
17 within 6 days after receiving the same at the earliest opening of  
the municipal office after the date of issue, and all permits by  
whomsoever issued shall be returned to the town clerk as required  
19 by section 2843. The appointment of subregistrars shall be made  
with reference to locality, so as to best suit the convenience of  
21 the inhabitants of the town, and such appointment shall be in  
writing and recorded in the office of the town or city clerk. The  
23 subregistrars in any town shall hold office at the pleasure of  
the town clerk.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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Present language of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2844 is not consistent with the changes made by the 112th Legislature regarding the issuance of permits for transport and final disposition of dead human bodies. This bill modifies section 2844 to specify clearly the responsibilities of subregistrars.