

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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Legislative Document

No. 793

S.P. 295

In Senate, March 15, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources 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 WHITMORE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot, Representative AIKMAN of Poland and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

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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 Make the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation  
Responsible for the Burial Expenses of State Wards.**

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

3               **34-B MRSA §5205** is enacted to read:

5       §5205. Payment of burial expenses for state wards

7               The department shall pay burial expenses for deceased  
9       persons who die while wards of the State as defined in section  
11       5001, subsection 7, and who have no known survivors.

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12                               **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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15       This bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental  
Retardation to assume responsibility for the burial expenses of  
persons who die while they are wards of the bureau.