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In Senate, March 15, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative PARADIS of Augusta and Representative CONLEY of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Remove the Present Dollar Limit on Funeral, Cremation and Burial Expenses Relative to Restitution by Criminal Offenders.



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

3 **17-A MRSA §1322, sub-§3, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 455,
5 **§3**, is amended to read:

7 **A. Allowable expense.** "Allowable expense" means reasonable
9 charges incurred for reasonably needed products, services
11 and accommodations, including those for medical care,
13 rehabilitation, rehabilitative occupational training and
15 other remedial treatment and care, and nonmedical remedial
17 care and treatment rendered in accordance with a recognized
19 religious method of healing. The term includes a--~~total~~
21 ~~charge-not-in-excess-of-\$500~~ reasonable charges incurred for
expenses in any way related to funeral, cremation and
burial. It does not include that portion of a charge for a
room in a hospital, clinic, convalescent or nursing home, or
any other institution engaged in providing nursing care and
related services, in excess of a reasonable and customary
charge for semiprivate accommodations, unless other
accommodations are medically required.

23 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

25 This bill amends the definition of "allowable expense" to
27 replace the present dollar limit relative to funeral, cremation
and burial expenses with the condition that such expenses
29 constitute "reasonable charges." Funeral, cremation and burial
expenses have increased significantly since this dollar amount
was established in Public Law 1977, chapter 455, section 3.

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