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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1314, L.D. 1816, Bill, "An Act  
Concerning Burials in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting  
clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its  
place the following:

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1983, c.  
460, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. The Director of Veterans' Services shall allow the earth  
burial in the cemetery of any eligible veteran who requests  
burial in the cemetery. The director shall allow the  
veteran the option of crypt burial if crypt space exists.  
All burials must be without charge.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4. ¶C, as enacted by PL 1983, c.  
460, §3, is amended to read:

C. An At the dependent's request, the Director of Veterans'  
Services shall allow an eligible dependent of a veteran may  
to be buried in the cemetery if, at the date of the  
dependent's death, the veteran would be eligible for burial.  
Dependents may be buried in graves the earth or placed in a  
crypt adjacent to the veteran without charge, provided that:

(1) If the veteran dies first, the dependents specify  
in writing their intention to be so buried;

(2) If the dependent dies first, the veteran specifies  
in writing his the intention to be buried in the  
cemetery; or

(3) Eligible family members of servicemen or veterans  
who are permanently buried overseas, buried at sea,  
missing in action and declared dead, or whose bodies  
are inaccessible for other reasons, may be buried in  
this cemetery, provided that the deceased serviceman or

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2                   veteran was eligible for the burial at the time of his  
                  death.'

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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8                   This amendment clarifies that the Director of Veterans'  
                  Services is required to allow burial of eligible veterans and to  
10                  offer the option of crypt burial at no charge if space is  
                  available. It also removes a conflicting provision regarding  
                  dependent rights which was contained in the original bill.

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