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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 227, L.D. 581, Bill, "An Act to Require Each Person Licensed for the Practice of Funeral Service to Participate in Continuing Professional Education"

Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. Report. By January 1, 1992, the State Board of Funeral Service shall make a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation that includes the following information relative to the educational requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1506:

1. The courses to be required, their justification relative to maintaining the skills required for the safe practice of the profession, and whether there will be any requirement for self-assessment as a means of determining the courses required for an individual practitioner;

2. Any examinations that might be proposed to assess the success of the required educational program;

3. The criteria to be used in reviewing and approving continuing education programs;

4. The percentage of the course requirements that can be taught by correspondence courses and by closed-circuit television, the percentage that will require an actual classroom

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presence and the current and planned arrangements for closed-circuit television and for classroom instruction in various sections of the State; and

5. The costs of this program to the State and the board and the direct and indirect costs to the individual practitioner.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Board of Funeral Service		
Personal Services	\$1,400	\$1,400
All Other	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	<u>\$11,400</u>	<u>\$11,400</u>
Provides funds for additional per diems and board expenses and for rulemaking, form preparation and other administrative costs.		
Licensing and Enforcement		
Personal Services	\$3,975	\$5,800
Provides funds for the cost of a 1/4 time Clerk Typist III position.		
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION		
TOTAL	<u>\$15,375</u>	<u>\$17,200</u>

FISCAL NOTE

This bill adds training prerequisites for individuals renewing licenses for the practice of funeral service and requires reporting by the State Board of Funeral Service relative to the educational requirements. Allocations from Other Special Revenue funds to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will cover the costs associated with rulemaking, additional board meetings, clerical support and general operations. Allocations to the State Board of Funeral Service of

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\$11,400 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$11,400 in fiscal year 1992-93 and to Licensing and Enforcement of \$3,975 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$5,800 in fiscal year 1992-93 are required. Dedicated revenues to cover these allocations will be generated by increasing fees through rulemaking.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The original bill required continuing education for funeral directors with the requirements to be under the supervision of the State Board of Funeral Service. This amendment requires that the board report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation on courses to be required, the procedures for approving course providers, the cost of this mandated continuing education program and the availability of courses in the various parts of the State.

The amendment adds a fiscal note and an allocation section that indicates that costs associated with developing and supervising this program will be paid through practitioner licensing fees.

Reported by Senator Matthews for the Committee on Business Legislation. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.
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