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S.P. 153

In Senate, January 31, 1995

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Location of Mausoleums and Vaults.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representative: CAMERON of Rumford.

Re it	enacted	by the	People of	f the State	of Maine	as follows:
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Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §1341 is amended to read:

§1341. Location

Every community mausoleum, ether-than a structure eentaining erypts-erected or eentrelled by a church er a religious seeiety and used only as a repository for the remains of the clergy or dignitaries—ef—such—ehurch—er—religious—seeiety, and every crematory, columbarium or other structure intended to dispose of or hold or contain the bodies or remains of the dead, shall must be located only within the limits of a cemetery centaining that contains not less than 20 acres, which—shall and that must have been in existence and actually used for burial purposes for a period of at least 2 years immediately preceding the time of the erection thereof of such a structure.

2.4

Notwithstanding the first paragraph, a church or religious society may operate a crypt on premises owned by the church or religious society, in a substantial structure, as a repository for the remains of the dead and may operate a columbarium on those premises as a repository for the ashes of the dead, in a substantial structure erected either above or below ground.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies that a church or religious society may operate a crypt or columbarium in a substantial structure on its own premises.