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H.P. 549

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

An Act to Permit the Temporary Removal of Gravestones from Cemeteries for the Purpose of Repair.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LAYTON of Cherryfield. Cosponsored by Senator: CASSIDY of Washington.

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

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§1,	is	amen	ded	to	rea	d:	t							

2. Conditions on removal. Removal of any a tomb, monument, gravestone, marker or other structure placed or designed as a memorial to the dead, or any a portion or fragment of any-such a memorial, is permitted only for the purpose of preservation. Any A tomb, monument, gravestone, marker or other structure placed or designed as a memorial to the dead, or any a portion or fragment of any-such a memorial, must may not be removed from the confines of the cemetery or burial ground, except that a person who has obtained authorization or approval described in subsection 1, paragraph A or B, may remove all or a portion of a memorial for a period of no longer than 6 months for the purpose of repair, restoration or preservation, but only when repair, restoration or preservation can not reasonably be accomplished on the site of the cemetery or burial ground.

SUMMARY

This bill permits the removal of a gravestone or marker from a cemetery for repair or restoration if permission is granted and the repair can not be accomplished at the site.