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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1782

H.P. 1255

House of Representatives, April 14, 1997

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Land from the State to the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DEXTER of Kingfield.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, this resolve directs the State to transfer a parcel of land to the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association, Inc.; and

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Whereas, this transfer will enable the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association, Inc. to sell lots in the cemetery; and

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Whereas, this transfer is necessary before the expiration of the 90-day period because there is an immediate need to provide lots in the cemetery for spring burials; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

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Sec. 1. Transfer of land. Resolved: That the State shall transfer to the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association, Inc. a parcel of land described as follows: A certain lot or parcel of land, located in the deorganized Town of Freeman, County of Franklin, at the junction of the Freeman Ridge and Ramsdell Hill roads, known as the Freeman Ridge Cemetery and School House lot, and is bounded and described to wit: commencing at an iron pin on the northerly side of the Ramsdell Hill Road 276 feet east of the southwest corner of lot #17 range L; thence northwesterly a distance of 84 feet to a cement post; thence northeasterly a distance of 203 feet to a cement post; thence southeasterly a distance of 138.75 feet to an iron pin; thence southwesterly a distance of 69' 11.5" to an iron pin; thence southeasterly a distance of 69' 11.5" to the Freeman Ridge Road; thence along the northerly side of the Freeman Ridge Road and Ramsdell Hill roads to the point of origin.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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## **SUMMARY**

This bill transfers land constituting the Freeman Ridge Cemetery and School House lot to the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association, Inc. This lot was formerly owned by the town of Freeman and was transferred to the State in 1938 when the Town of Freeman deorganized. Since 1938, Franklin County has had

- responsibility for upkeep of the cemetery. In January 1997, with the agreement of the Franklin County Commissioners, the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association, Inc. was formed for the purpose of taking over responsibility for the cemetery. Title to the land
  - taking over responsibility for the cemetery. Title to the land needs to be transferred so that the cemetery association may sell
- 6 lots in the cemetery.