

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998

Legislative Document

No. 2138

H.P. 1516

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

**Resolve, Directing the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services to
Study Ways to Improve the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MADORE of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WATSON of
Farmingdale, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.

2 **Sec. 1. Study conducted. Resolved:** That the Bureau of
Veterans' Services shall conduct a study to determine how best to
4 solve the problems associated with the expansion of the Maine
Veterans' Memorial Cemetery; the demand on existing resources,
6 particularly the timings of burials; and inadequate staffing
levels. The study must include an examination of the use of
8 volunteers to assist in handling the increased workload of the
cemetery. As part of its study, the bureau shall also look at
10 reallocation of existing space. The bureau shall report back to
the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
12 jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs by December 15,
1998; and be it further

14 **Sec. 2. Land purchase. Resolved:** That, when considering the
purchase of land for the expansion of the Maine Veterans'
16 Memorial Cemetery, the Director of the Bureau of Veterans'
Services shall give preference to land within a 3-mile radius of
18 the existing cemetery. If land is not available within a 3-mile
radius, then the director may look elsewhere within the State;
20 and be it further

22 **Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
24 this resolve.

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28 **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY**
30 **MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

32 **Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery**

34	Positions - Legislative Count	(4.000)
	Personal Services	\$110,499
	All Other	456,000

36 Provides funds for 2 Heavy
38 Equipment Operator II
positions and 2 Groundskeeper
40 II positions, for the
extension of the granite wall
42 directory, for fixing the
drainage problem, for the
44 purchase of land for the
expansion of the cemetery and
46 for a reserve fund for the
hiring of temporary help to
48 assist in handling the
increased workload of the
50 Maine Veterans' Memorial
Cemetery.

2 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS
4 AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
TOTAL

\$566,499

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SUMMARY

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10 This resolve directs the Bureau of Veterans' Services to
12 study ways to improve the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. The
14 resolve also directs the Director of the Bureau of Veterans'
16 Services to give preference to land within a 3-mile radius of the
existing cemetery when looking for land to expand the cemetery.
The resolve also appropriates funds to hire staff, purchase land,
extend the granite wall directory, remedy the drainage problem
and provide a reserve fund to hire temporary help to assist in
handling the increased workload.