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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 305, L.D. 421, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Board of Funeral Service"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the first indented paragraph (page 1, lines 6 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'The State Board of Funeral Service, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 18, and in this chapter called the "board," consists of 8 members, 6 5 of whom must be persons licensed for the practice of funeral service for 10 consecutive years or who have had 10 consecutive years' experience as a practitioner of funeral service in this State immediately preceding their appointment and 2 3 of whom must be representatives of the public. Members are appointed by the Governor for a term of 4 years. A national organization of retired persons may submit a list of applicants to the Governor for use in the selection process of one of the members representing the public. Appointments of members must comply with section 60. A board member may be removed by the Governor for cause.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2000.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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The bill increased the membership of the State Board of Funeral Service from 8 members to 9 members. This amendment retains the current membership of the board at 8 members, but decreases from 6 to 5 those who are licensed for the practice of funeral service and increases from 2 to 3 those who must be representatives of the public. The amendment also eliminates the requirement that one of the members of the board must represent the interests of senior citizens and must be selected from a list of applicants provided by a national organization of retired persons. The amendment allows a national organization of retired persons to submit a list of applicants for use in the selection of one of the public members. The amendment also sets an effective date of January 1, 2000.

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