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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 525, L.D. 732, Bill, "An Act to Require Certain Disclosures by Providers of Funeral Services"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1407 is enacted to read:

§1407. Disclosure of funeral establishment ownership; rental caskets

1. Ownership information. A funeral establishment shall disclose the name and address of each person holding an ownership interest in the funeral establishment on each contract or agreement for provision of funeral services or supplies and on any document required by federal law.

2. Rental caskets. A funeral establishment shall disclose on its general price list and casket price list either that the funeral establishment offers rental caskets and the cost of rental or that the funeral establishment does not offer rental caskets.

3. Federal Trade Commission regulations. The disclosures required under this section supplement the disclosures required by the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to its regulations governing the funeral industry.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1999-00

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Office of Licensing and Registration

All Other \$1,000

Provides funds for the cost of adopting rules on behalf of the State Board of Funeral Service.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1999-00

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$1,000

This bill includes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$1,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, to adopt rules on behalf of the State Board of Funeral Service.

This bill may increase the number of cases filed in the administrative court. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

The amendment replaces the bill and requires funeral establishments to disclose the ownership of the funeral establishment and whether rental caskets are offered. The amendment also clarifies that these disclosures supplement the disclosures required by Federal Trade Commission regulations. The amendment also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note.