

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 302, L.D. 873, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Municipal Responsibility for the Maintenance of Veterans' Gravesites"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 29 to 38 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

**Sec. 4. State mandate requirements.** The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall implement the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5685 and the Constitution of Maine to distribute funding to meet 90% of the additional local costs of this Act.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

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

**Veterans Memorial Day Flags -  
State Mandate Reimbursement**

All Other \$18,435

Appropriates funds to municipalities that erected a flagpole pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2901, subsection 2 to reimburse those municipalities for 90% of the costs to place individual flags for Memorial Day on the

2 graves of all wartime veterans located in  
those municipalities or organized townships.'

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

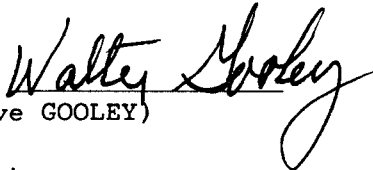
8 This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill  
by \$18,435 in fiscal year 2000-01.

10 The requirement that municipalities place individual flags  
12 for Memorial Day on the graves of all wartime veterans located in  
each municipality or organized township represents a state  
14 mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional  
cost of this state mandate is estimated to be approximately  
16 \$20,483 annually.

18 As amended, this bill includes a General Fund appropriation  
of \$18,435 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Defense,  
20 Veterans and Emergency Management to reimburse municipalities for  
the costs of placing individual flags for Memorial Day on the  
22 graves of all wartime veterans. This appropriation represents  
90% of the total cost of the state mandate.

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment removes the mandate preamble from the bill  
and provides an appropriation from the General Fund to pay 90% of  
30 the costs of placing individual flags on the graves of all  
wartime veterans located in cemeteries where a municipality had  
32 previously erected a single flagpole.

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36 SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative GOOLEY)

38 TOWN: Farmington  
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