

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 896

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

An Act to Create the Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden. (By Request)
Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, GLYNN of South Portland, MAYO of Bath, USHER of Westbrook, Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-A, sub-§47** is enacted to read:

4 **47. Board of Expenses 13 MRSA §1391**
6 **Cemetery and Crematory Only**
8 **Services**

10 **Sec. 2. 13 MRSA c. 83, sub-c. VII** is enacted to read:

12 **SUBCHAPTER VII**

14 **BOARD OF CEMETERY AND CREMATORY SERVICES**

16 **§1391. Board of Cemetery and Crematory Services**

18 **1. Board.** There is established the Board of Cemetery and
20 **Crematory Services, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A,**
22 **subsection 47, referred to in this section as the "board."**

24 **2. Membership.** The board is composed of 5 members. The
26 **Attorney General is an ex officio member, and the 4 other members**
28 **must be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees**
30 **submitted to the Governor from a statewide cemetery association.**
32 **Board members must have at least 5 years experience in the**
34 **administration or operation of a cemetery or crematory.**

36 **3. Term; meeting; quorum.** Each member of the board serves
38 **a term of 3 years. The board shall meet at least 4 times a**
40 **year. Three members of the board constitute a quorum.**

42 **4. Duties and responsibilities.** The board shall:

44 **A. Work closely with the Department of Human Services,**
46 **Bureau of Health and Office of Data Research and Vital**
48 **Statistics on issues that relate to cemetery and crematory**
50 **operations;**

B. Assist the Attorney General in the investigation of and
 to hold hearings on consumer complaints concerning
 cemeteries and crematories; and

C. Adopt rules for the burial industry regulating the
 activities of burial and related cemetery and crematory
 operations. For purposes of this subsection, "burial" has
 the same meaning as in Title 32, section 1400, subsection 2.

5. Compensation; expenses. Members of the board serve
 without compensation. A member's travel expenses are
 reimbursable.

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SUMMARY

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6 This bill creates the Board of Cemetery and Crematory
8 Services to assist the Attorney General in the investigation of
10 consumer complaints concerning cemeteries and crematories and to
work closely with the Department of Human Services, Bureau of
Health and Office of Data Research and Vital Statistics on issues
relating to cemetery and crematory operations.