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House of Representatives, December 29, 1999

An Act Concerning the Rules of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 78, section 9.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 27, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §503-A, as amended by PL 1997, c. 455, §32, is further amended to read:

§503-A. Rules

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The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Management may, in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II, adopt reasonable rules necessary to carry out this chapter, -- provided -- that -- regulations . Rules pertaining to the management of the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery are net rules within the meaning of Title 5, section 8002, subsection 9 and are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. The commissioner shall develop proposed cemetery rules through a consensus-based rule development process pursuant to Title 5, section 8051-B.

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

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SUMMARY

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This bill implements one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits. It designates the rules governing the operation of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery as major substantive rules subject to the rule-making process. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to develop proposed rules through a consensus-based process in advance of rulemaking.