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H.P. 170

House of Representatives, January 18, 2001

**An Act to Allow Families of Deceased Veterans to Maintain Cemetery
Plots within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.

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

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Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 626, §12, is further amended to read:

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C. All grave markers must be flat-type granite, as furnished by the United States Department of the Army, Memorial Division, or flat-type granite facsimiles of a marker. All polymer bases must be approved by the director. All boxes used for burial must be protected with permanent vaults or grave liners. Stones, polymer bases and vaults may not be provided at state expense.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows the use of authorized polymer bases in Maine veterans' cemeteries. It also includes polymer bases among the items not provided at state expense. Polymer bases are used to prevent grave markers from sinking and for minimizing plant growth around the grave markers.