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6	BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
8	Reported by:	
10	Reproduced and distributed under the of the Senate.	e direction of the Secretary
12	STATE OF M	IAINE
14	SENATE 120TH LEGISLATURE	
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION	
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " ${\cal H}$ " to s.	P. 413, L.D. 1357, "Resolve,
20	to Study the Statutes Pertaining tand Cemeteries"	
22	Amend the resolve by striking o	out everything after the title
24	and before the summary and inserting	in its place the following:
26	Sec. 1. Working group. Resolve Professional and Financial Regulati	
28	Services and the Department of Environmental Protection shall share equally within their budgeted resources to create a working	
30	group to review the laws pertaining to crematories and cemeteries and, where related, funeral homes. In appointing working group	
32	members, the departments shall include	de:
34	 A representative of the Association; 	ne Maine Funeral Directors
36	2. A representative of the A	Associated Independent Family
38	Funeral Homes of Maine;	
40	 Two representatives of Association, one representing crema 	the Maine Old Cemetery
42	cemeteries;	
44	4. A representative of the Memor	rial Society of Maine;
46	5. Members of the State Board of	f Funeral Service;
48	6. The Commissioner of Human Se	ervices or the commissioner's

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2	7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;	
4	O The Chief Wedies! Described to the medical emericants	
6	8. The Chief Medical Examiner or the medical examiner's designee; and	
8	9. Two consumers who are not members of the Memorial Society of Maine; and be it further	
10	Sec. 2. Review of laws; meetings. Resolved: That the working	
12	group established under section 1 shall review the laws pertaining to crematories and cemeteries and, where related,	
14	funeral homes in order to make recommendations on updating the laws to make them more reflective of the changing needs of Maine	
16	families. In addition, the working group shall study the laws governing prearranged funerals. The working group may not hold	
1.8	more than 4 meetings; and be it further	
20	Sec. 3. Recommendations; authorization to report out legislation. Resolved: That the working group established under section 1	
22	shall make its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development by March 15, 2002. The Joint	
24	Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development may report out legislation on the working group's recommendations to	
26	the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.'	
28	Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:	
30	·FISCAL NOTE	
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34	The Department of Human Services, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor additional costs to	
36	create and participate in a working group to review the laws pertaining to crematories, cemeteries and funeral homes. These	
38	costs can be absorbed within each department's existing budgeted resources.	
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42	The Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General will incur some minor additional costs to	
44	participate in the working group. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'	
46	SUMMARY	
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	This amondment strikes and replaces the tout of the	

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- resolve. The amendment adds membership to the working group, limits the number of meetings the working group may hold, requires the working group to report back to the Joint Standing
- 4 Committee on Business and Economic Development and requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the
- Department of Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to appoint members to the working group and to share
- 8 in the expenses of the group within the departments' budgeted resources. It also adds a fiscal note.