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FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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S.P. 413

In Senate, March 5, 2001

**Resolve, to Study the Statutes Pertaining to Funeral Homes, Crematories
and Cemeteries.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and
Representative: DUNCAN of Presque Isle.

2 **Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Department of
Economic and Community Development shall, within its budgeted
4 resources, create a working group to review the laws pertaining
to funeral homes, crematories and cemeteries. In selecting
6 people for the working group, the department shall include:

8 A. A representative of the Maine Funeral Directors
Association;

10 B. A representative of the Associated Independent Family
Funeral Homes of Maine;

12 C. A representative of the Maine Old Cemetary Association;

14 D. A representative of the Memorial Society of Maine;

16 E. Members of the State Board of Funeral Service; and

18 F. Consumers; and be it further
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22 **Sec. 2. Review of laws. Resolved:** That the working group
established under section 1 shall review the laws pertaining to
funeral homes, crematories and cemeteries in order to make
24 recommendations on updating the laws to make them more reflective
of the needs of Maine families; and be it further
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28 **Sec. 3. Recommendation. Resolved:** That the working group
established under section 1 shall make its recommendations to the
Department of Economic and Community Development. The department
30 may submit legislation by December 1, 2001 to the Second Regular
Session of the 120th Legislature.
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34 SUMMARY

36 This resolve directs the Department of Economic and
Community Development to create a working group to review the
38 laws pertaining to funeral homes, crematories and cemeteries and
their roles in meeting the needs of Maine families.