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H.P. 357

House of Representatives, January 30, 2007

**An Act To Prevent Persons Convicted of Child Molestation from
Being Buried in a Maine Veterans' Cemetery**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PATRICK of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: CARTER of Bethel, CHASE of Wells, GOULD of South Berwick, MILLS of
Farmington, NASS of Acton, TARDY of Newport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶G** is enacted to read:

3 G. Notwithstanding paragraphs B and C, a person may not be buried after January 1,
4 2008 in any cemetery of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System if that
5 person has been convicted by a Maine court for the crime of sexual act, sexual abuse,
6 sexual assault, sexual contact, sexual touching, sexual exploitation or incest and the
7 victim was under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed or if that
8 person has been convicted of a similar crime by any other state, provincial or federal
9 court and the victim was under 18 years of age at the time the offense was committed.

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SUMMARY

11 This bill prohibits the burial of a person in a cemetery of the Maine Veterans'
12 Memorial Cemetery System if that person has been convicted by a court in Maine, or in
13 any other state, provincial or federal court of a sexual crime against minors.