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An Act Concerning Cremated Remains

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PRATT of Eddington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1405-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 611, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§1405-A. Disposition of cremated remains**

5 A funeral director or a practitioner of funeral services who receives ~~eremains~~
6 cremated remains or has received ~~eremains~~ cremated remains prior to the effective date of
7 this section may dispose of those ~~eremains~~ cremated remains in accordance with Title 13,
8 section 1032, providing the following conditions have been met:

9 **1. Cremated remains not claimed for one year.** The ~~eremains~~ cremated remains
10 have not been claimed after a time period of at least ~~4 years~~ one year from the time of
11 cremation; and

12 **2. Notice.** The funeral director or practitioner of funeral services has sent notice by
13 certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the person who
14 authorized the cremation at least 60 days prior to disposal.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill decreases the time that a funeral director must keep cremated remains from
17 4 years to one year. The bill also replaces the word "cremains" with "cremated remains."