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House of Representatives, April 7, 2009

An Act To Ensure the Perpetual Care of Maine Veterans' Cemeteries

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative COTTA of China.
Cosponsored by President MITCHELL of Kennebec and
Representatives: CURTIS of Madison, HANLEY of Gardiner, PEOPLES of Westbrook,
Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, RICHARDSON of Warren, TARDY of
Newport, WATSON of Bath.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 The purpose of this bill is to ensure the perpetual care of Maine veterans' cemeteries.
6 In order to accomplish this purpose, this bill establishes an irrevocable trust account
7 within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the
8 exclusive purpose of maintenance, upkeep and care of veterans' cemeteries within the
9 State. Under the bill, the irrevocable trust will be authorized to receive, in addition to
10 allocations from the Legislature, gifts, bequests and other funds from public or private
11 agencies. Funds in the trust may not be encumbered for, or diverted to, purposes other
12 than the maintenance and care of veterans' cemeteries within the State.