

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 139

House of Representatives, January 24, 2017

### **An Act Requiring the Use of the Electronic Death Registration System**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VACHON of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, FOLEY of Wells, GERRISH of Lebanon, O'NEIL of  
Saco, STANLEY of Medway, STROM of Pittsfield, WHITE of Washburn, Senator:  
JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2847**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 371, §2, is amended to read:

3 **§2847. Electronic death registration system**

4 ~~Beginning July 1, 2012, a~~ A certificate of death required to be filed by any person  
5 authorized under section 2842 pursuant to this chapter ~~may~~ must be filed using the  
6 electronic death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.  
7 This section does not apply to an authorized person under section 2846. The State  
8 Registrar of Vital Statistics shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section.  
9 Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5,  
10 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires that, except for certificates filed by family members and domestic  
13 partners of the deceased, a certificate of death be filed using the electronic death  
14 registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.