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L.D. 518

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**128TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 179, L.D. 518, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 10th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "spouse or" the following: 'registered'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined sentence and inserting the following: 'For the purposes of this subsection, "registered domestic partner" means an individual registered as a domestic partner under section 2710, subsection 3.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It specifies that a domestic partner must be a registered domestic partner to be responsible for the burial or cremation costs of a person who was eligible to receive municipal general assistance at the time of that person's death.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 518

LR 1090(02)

## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

(S-45)

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Adding spouses and registered domestic partners to the list of relatives who are potentially responsible for the burial or cremation costs of a person who was eligible to receive municipal general assistance at the time of that person's death and striking the provision of law that restricts potentially responsible relatives to persons who live or own property in Maine will result in savings to the Department of Health and Human Services. The savings to the department are not expected to be significant because the frequency of general assistance paying for cremation or burial is very low. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to number of months on assistance, amounts paid to each recipient, number of recipients who return and the type of assistance provided resides at the municipal level and varies over time.