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H.P. 1451

House of Representatives, January 16, 2020

### **An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Retain Paper Copies of Certain Vital Statistics Records**

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Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.  
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2843, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 101, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Records.** Each municipality shall maintain a record of any endorsed permit received pursuant to subsection 3 or 3-A in the electronic death registration system described in section 2847. These records must be open to public inspection. A copy of an endorsed permit must be made available to a member of the public upon a request made to the municipal clerk. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

## SUMMARY

This bill eliminates municipal paper record retention requirements for maintaining death disposition permits and requires those permits to be maintained in the electronic death registration system. A copy of a permit must be made available to a member of the public upon a request made to the municipal clerk.