

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 149

House of Representatives, January 20, 2023

### **An Act to Require Substance Use Disorder to Be Disclosed as a Cause of Death on Death Certificates**

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

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and  
Representatives: MEYER of Eliot, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, SUPICA of Bangor, Senator:  
BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2842, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Substance use disorder.** If substance use disorder is a factor in the cause or  
4 proximate cause of death, the certificate must include substance use disorder as a factor in  
5 the cause or proximate cause of the death and identify the substance underlying the  
6 disorder.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires that if substance use disorder is a factor in the cause or the proximate  
9 cause in the death of a person, the death certificate must include substance use disorder as  
10 a factor in the cause or proximate cause of the death and identify the substance underlying  
11 the disorder.