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S.P. 222

In Senate, February 9, 2023

**An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of
Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: JAVNER of Chester.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3024, 4th ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 445, §1 and affected
3 by §3, is further amended to read:

4 The Chief Medical Examiner may authorize any other expenses necessary to carry out
5 the Chief Medical Examiner's duties. The Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse a
6 funeral establishment that transports a body to Augusta at the request of the Office of Chief
7 Medical Examiner at the following rates: for up to and including the first 25 miles, ~~\$120~~
8 \$300; for the next 25 miles, ~~\$2~~ \$4.50 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body;
9 and for miles in excess of 50, ~~\$1.75~~ \$4 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body.
10 If an employee of a funeral establishment is required to wait at the Office of Chief Medical
11 Examiner due to processes or other official activities of the Chief Medical Examiner, the
12 Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse the funeral establishment at a rate equal to the
13 wage rate in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 for the period of time the employee waits.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill increases the transportation and wait time reimbursement rates for funeral
16 establishments requested to transport a body for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.