

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 527, L.D. 838, "An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3028-A in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or" and inserting the following: 'are excluded from the operation of this section. Human remains'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3028-A in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "section" and inserting the following: 'subsection and must be handled in the manner required by section 2842-B'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE  
Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funds for forensic genetic genealogy testing of the deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, of unidentified human remains.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$100,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds to the provision in the bill regarding storage and disposition of human remains a cross-reference to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2842-B,

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1 which describes the manner in which Native American human remains are to be handled.  
2 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**

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LD 838

LR 1829(02)

## An Act to Identify the State's Unidentified Human Remains

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-807)  
 Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner within the Office of the Attorney General of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to procure services for forensic genetic genealogy testing of the deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, of unidentified human remains. The fiscal year 2024-25 cost assumes testing of 20 bodies currently in the possession of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. In subsequent years the projected cost assumes testing of 3 additional bodies per year.