

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 115

In Senate, Feb. 7, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary pro tem.

Presented by Mr. Butler of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to amend section three of chapter twenty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and one of the Public Laws of 1905, relative to burying grounds.

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

Section three of chapter twenty of the Revised Statutes 2 as amended by chapter one hundred and one of the Public 3 Laws of 1905 is hereby amended, striking out the whole of 4 said section and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

‘Sect. 111. Each town, parish, religious society and any 2 individual association or corporation to which any ancient 3 or public burying ground belongs, shall keep a substantial

4 fence around it in good repair and in any such burying
5 ground in which any Revolutionary soldier is buried, the
6 town in which said burying ground is located, shall keep in
7 good condition and repair, all graves, headstones, monu-
8 ments or markers designating the burial place of such Revo-
9 lutionary soldiers or sailors, and shall keep the grass suit-
10 ably cut and trimmed on such graves during the summer
11 season.

Town shall raise money for such purposes by taxation at
2 the annual meeting thereof. Each town, parish, religious
3 society, individual, association or corporation to which any
4 such burying ground belongs, shall be liable to a fine of not
5 less than fifty dollars and not exceeding two hundred dollars
6 for each separate offence, in any one year, of neglect to
7 maintain such fence in good repair, upon conviction of such
8 neglect, and the town in which such burying ground is lo-
9 cated shall be liable to a fine of fifty dollars for neglect to
10 keep in good condition and repair all graves, headstones,
11 monuments and markers designating the burial place of such
12 Revolutionary soldiers or sailors, or shall fail to keep the
13 grass suitably cut and trimmed on such graves during the
14 summer season, and the sums so collected from such fines
15 shall be expended by the county commissioners in the town
16 in which are located the graves in such burying ground for
17 the maintenance and keeping in repair of such fences and
18 for the keeping in repair said graves, headstones, monuments
19 or markers and in keeping the grass suitably cut and trimmed
20 during the summer season.