

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 499

H. P. 978

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Martin of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Removal of Bodies from State Hospitals.

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

Bodies to be removed within forty-eight hours after notification. Whenever a patient in either state hospital shall die, the superintendent of such hospital shall notify the municipal officers of the city or town from which said patient was committed, and said municipal officers shall cause the body of said patient to be removed within forty-eight hours after receiving such notification. In case said municipal officers fail to cause such removal within forty-eight hours, said superintendent may deliver said body to a local undertaker, and the said city or town shall pay all expenses unless the patient left means sufficient to pay such expense, or relatives of sufficient ability liable by law for the payment of the same.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the superintendent of a state hospital from delivering a body, at the request of relatives or friends of the deceased, who are willing to assume the care and expense of burial, to any undertaker who may be designated by such relatives or friends, in which case the municipal officers shall not be liable for any expense in connection with such burial.