

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 567**

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H. P. 1035            House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Worthen of Corinth.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Providing for the Completion of the Vital Records  
of the State.

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

Clerical expenses provided for. Section thirty-nine of chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following paragraph: 'The treasurer of state shall make available for the registrar of vital statistics on the first day of July annually the sum of five hundred dollars to pay for the clerical and incidental expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of sections thirty-seven to thirty-nine, inclusive.', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 39. Inscriptions on gravestones may be copied and recorded; blank forms to be furnished by registrar; fees. If the death records of the city, town, or plantation prior to eighteen hundred ninety-two are incomplete, the clerk of such city, town, or plantation may, within ten years from July fifteen, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, as may be prescribed by the said state registrar of vital statistics, cause to be copied at the expense of the city, town, or plantation, under the direction of the said state registrar of vital statistics, the inscriptions on all gravestones in the city, town, or plantation erected to the memory of any person who died prior to eighteen hundred

ninety- two, so far as the same relates to the name of the deceased, date of death, age or date of birth, if given, and the name of the cemetery, and shall cause such records to be recorded in the books or archives of the city, town, or plantation. The state registrar of vital statistics shall furnish each of said clerks with suitable blank forms for the return of such records, which shall be copied, certified, and returned to the said state registrar of vital statistics within such reasonable time as he may prescribe as provided in section thirty-eight hereof. The work of transcription and certification shall be distributed as fairly and evenly as may be over said period of ten years.

When required for any lawful and proper purpose, certified copies of such records shall be furnished by the state registrar of vital statistics for a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant. For any search of the files and records when no certified copy is made, the fee shall be fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour of time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant.

The treasurer of state shall make available for the registrar of vital statistics on the first day of July annually the sum of five hundred dollars to pay for the clerical and incidental expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of sections thirty-seven to thirty-nine, inclusive.