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S. P. 74

In Senate, January 18, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Marden of Kennebec.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Interment and Disinterment of Dead Human
Bodies.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 71, amended. Section 71 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby repealed and reenacted as sections 71, 71-A and 71-B, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 71. No interment to be made without a permit. Except as provided in section 66, no interment, or the placing in a mausoleum, columbarium, tomb or vault, of a dead human body shall be made without a permit, as aforesaid, from the clerk of the town or city where the said person died.’

‘Sec. 71-A. No disinterment to be made without a permit. Except as provided in section 66, no disinterment of a dead human body from any earth burial, mausoleum, columbarium, tomb, or vault, shall be made without a permit from the clerk of the town or city, where such dead human body has been buried, or placed in such mausoleum, columbarium, tomb or vault. However, no such disinterment or removal shall be made without the written consent of the owner of such dead human body, and the

owner of the lot, mausoleum, columbarium, vault or tomb where such body is interred.'

'Sec. 71-B. Permit to be returned to town or city clerk. No undertaker, cemetery superintendent, or other person having charge of a cemetery or burial ground, shall assist in, assent to or allow such interment or disinterment to be made, except as provided in section 66, until such permit or permits have been given as provided for in sections 71 and 71-A. And every undertaker, or other person, having charge of such burial place, as aforesaid, who shall receive such permit, or permits, shall preserve and endorse the same, and forward the same to the town or city clerk of the town or city in which the interment or disinterment takes place, within 6 days after such interment or disinterment.'