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Presented by Mr. Conant of Auburn by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Care of Certain Burying-grounds.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Ancient or public burying-grounds to be cared for; penalty for neglect. Each town, parish, religious society, and any individual, association, or corporation, to which any ancient or public burying-ground belongs, shall keep a substantial fence around it in good repair; and in any such burying-ground in which any Revolutionary soldier or sailor of any war is buried, the town in which said burying-ground is located shall keep in good condition and repair, all graves, headstones, monuments, or markers, designating the burial place of said Revolutionary soldiers or sailors, and shall keep the grass suitably cut and trimmed on such graves during the summer season. Towns may raise and appropriate money for such purposes. Each said town, parish, religious society, individual, association, or corporation shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$25 for neglect to maintain such fence in good repair, and each said town shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10 for neglect to keep in good condition and repair all such graves, headstones, monuments, and markers, or failing to keep the grass suitably cut and trimmed as aforesaid, on said such graves. The penalties above provided for shall be recovered in an action of debt brought in the name of and for the use of any chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution veterans or affiliated organization which shall have presented the complaint against such negligent town, parish, religious society, individual, association, or corporation.'