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S. P. 414

In Senate, February 23, 1943.

Reported by Senator Farris of Kennebec from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE**

AN ACT Relating to Medical Examiners.

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

R. S., c. 151, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 151 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 241 of the public laws of 1939, is further amended by striking out the last sentence of said section, and by adding thereto the following:

'If the body, when found, is in imminent danger of being destroyed by fire, or otherwise, or is in danger of being carried away by the tide or by the current of a stream or of being lost in any body of water, any person may take such steps as seem necessary for its preservation or retention until the arrival of a sheriff, deputy sheriff, member of the state or local police or a constable, the medical examiner, county attorney or attorney-general.

If no such danger exists, the body shall not be moved until photographs have been taken or measurements and drawings have been made so that a record can be made of the exact condition existing at the time of finding the body. After such photographs have been taken or measurements and drawings have been made, the medical examiner, police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, county attorney or attorney-general may cause such body to be removed to a convenient place.'