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House of Representatives, January 31, 1951

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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### **AN ACT to Ratify and Confirm the Incorporation of Hope Cemetery Corporation, of Kennebunk, in the County of York.**

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Whereas, Hope Cemetery Corporation of Kennebunk in the county of York and State of Maine has had long and continuous existence; and

Whereas, after some years of its existence as an association, it is apparent from the records of the association that it was incorporated in 1854 and from that time acted as such a corporation; and

Whereas, at the time of its incorporation in the said year of 1854 there was no statutory provision for recording its incorporation in any office of public record; and

Whereas, some of the records of the corporation, more particularly those from 1854 to 1870, have been lost, presumably by fire; and

Whereas, the secretary of the corporation during that period and for many years thereafter was a person who kept the records of the corporation with great care and precision; and

Whereas, the said records kept by the secretary, together with the seal of the corporation in use for many years, all indicate that Hope Cemetery

Corporation was actually incorporated in 1854 in accordance with the statutes then in force; now, therefore,

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

**Incorporation of Hope Cemetery Corporation ratified.** The incorporation of Hope Cemetery Corporation, of Kennebunk, in the county of York, is hereby declared to be in existence and to have been in existence since 1854; and all the acts of the members, officers and directors of said corporation, as such, prior to the effective date of this act, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and the register of deeds in and for the county of York is hereby authorized and instructed to enter upon his records this validation of the incorporation of Hope Cemetery Corporation in accordance with this act.