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House of Representatives, February 27, 1957

Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Allen of Chelsea.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Towns' Responsibility for Fences Around Cemeteries.

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

R. S., c. 58, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Ancient or public burying grounds cared for. 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.~~ In any such burying ground in which any Revolutionary soldiers or sailors or soldier or sailor who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps in 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 or soldier or sailor who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps in any war 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 graves. The penalties ~~above provided for~~ shall be recovered in an action of debt brought in the name and for the use of any chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution or post of the American Legion against such negligent town, parish, religious society, individual, association or corporation.'