

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Seventh Legislature

AT THE

1ST SPECIAL SESSION

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AND

2ND SPECIAL SESSION

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
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AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
January 19, 1976 to April 29, 1976  
AND THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION  
June 14, 1976

Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session

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

24-A MRSA § 2902, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 437, § 2, is amended to read:

2. The amount of coverage to be so provided shall be not less than the amount of coverage for liability for bodily injury or death in the policy offered or sold to a purchaser unless the purchaser rejects such amount, but in any event shall not be less than the minimum limits for bodily injury liability insurance provided for under the motorist's financial responsibility laws of this State Title 29, section 787, subsection 1.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 23, 1976

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## CHAPTER 677

**AN ACT to Prohibit Embalming when an Autopsy has been Authorized.**

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

32 MRSA § 1404-A is enacted to read:

§ 1404-A. No embalming when autopsy authorized

The next of kin or legal representative of a person who has died may authorize an autopsy. If an autopsy is authorized, no person shall inject into or remove from any artery, vein, or cavity of the body of the person who has died any fluid, gas or other substance except by or with the permission of a pathologist, medical examiner or licensed physician in attendance.

On completion of the autopsy, the body shall be released for normal handling.

The provisions of this section do not apply to deaths within the jurisdiction of medical examiners or autopsies as authorized in Title 22, chapter 711.

A violation of this section is a Class E crime.

Effective July 29, 1976

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## CHAPTER 678

**AN ACT to Amend the Mandatory Reporting Law on Child Abuse and Neglect.**