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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 504

H.P. 1444 - L.D. 1941

**An Act to Modify the Time of
Constituent Service Allowance
Payments**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1999, c. 509, §2, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in this section, each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to a meal allowance in the amount of \$32 and a housing allowance in the amount of \$38 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day the member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately preceding or immediately following attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. The presiding officers may establish reasonable policies regarding allowances for meals and overnight accommodations for the day immediately preceding the session, which may include policies regarding whether an allowance is paid, whether the full amount or a portion of the statutory allowance is paid and whether receipts are required. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member is entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$32 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$38 per day. Each member of the Senate also receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,300 ~~at the start of each regular session in January~~ and \$700 in the month following adjournment of the regular session. Each member of the House of Representatives also receives an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$1,500, \$1,005 ~~at the start of each regular session in January~~ and \$495 in the month following adjournment of the regular session.

Notwithstanding this section, during the first regular session of each legislative biennium, a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may elect to receive the first payment of the annual allowance for constituent services in December following convening of the Legislature by notifying the Executive Director of the Legislative Council in the manner prescribed by the executive director. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall inform Legislators of the choice available for payment of the allowance for constituent services in the first year of the legislative biennium and of any tax implications associated with exercising that choice.

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CHAPTER 505

H.P. 1438 - L.D. 1935

**An Act Concerning the State Board
of Funeral Service**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1451, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c. 397, §32, is further amended to read:

The board shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices, certificates of registration and licenses and may cause inspections to be made ~~at least once every 3 years~~ of all establishments or places of business of any person engaged in the profession of funeral service in the State, which may include the investigation of complaints or suspected violation of this chapter and the rules adopted by the board. The inspection ~~must~~ may also be for the purpose of determining that these establishments and places are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and that suitable equipment for their proper conduct is maintained and that the laws and the ~~regulations~~ rules of the board ~~and of the Department of Human Services~~ relating to the conduct of these establishments are observed. The inspection may include a review of the financial records to determine compliance with the laws and rules of the board governing prearranged funeral services or plans. The inspection may be made by members of the board upon authorization by the board or by professional technical staff.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Licensing and Enforcement

Initiative: Provides funds to replace one intermittent Funeral Inspector position with one 20-hour-per-week Funeral Inspector position due to the increased number of inspections.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE

FUNDS	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(0.500)
Position - FTE Count	(0.000)	(-0.228)
Personal Services	\$0	\$11,800
All Other	0	2,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Special Revenue		
Funds Total	\$0	\$13,800

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