

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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- H. A local fire official;
- I. A local building code official;
- J. A certified interior designer; and
- K. A representative of a statewide organization of building officials and inspectors; and be it further

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the State Planning Office shall:

1. Develop a model code with assistance from the advisory council;
2. Develop options for providing fiscal incentives for municipalities to adopt the model code; and
3. Provide technical assistance and training in connection with the model code, to the extent funding is available; and be it further

Sec. 4. Completion date; report. Resolved: That the State Planning Office, with assistance from the advisory council, shall complete the development of the model code by January 15, 2002. The State Planning Office shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by February 15, 2002 with the results of the model code development. The report must also include options to provide fiscal incentives for municipalities to adopt the model code and draft legislation necessary to implement any recommendations.

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CHAPTER 30

S.P. 413 - L.D. 1357

Resolve, to Study the Statutes Pertaining to Funeral Homes, Crematories and Cemeteries

Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection shall share equally within their budgeted resources to create a working group to review the laws pertaining to crematories and cemeteries and, where related, funeral homes. In appointing working group members, the departments shall include:

1. A representative of the Maine Funeral Directors Association;
2. A representative of the Associated Independent Family Funeral Homes of Maine;

3. Two representatives of the Maine Cemetery Association, one representing crematories and one representing cemeteries;

4. A representative of the Memorial Society of Maine;

5. Members of the State Board of Funeral Service;

6. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

7. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;

8. The Chief Medical Examiner or the medical examiner's designee; and

9. Two consumers who are not members of the Memorial Society of Maine; and be it further

Sec. 2. Review of laws; meetings. Resolved: That the working group established under section 1 shall review the laws pertaining to crematories and cemeteries and, where related, funeral homes in order to make recommendations on updating the laws to make them more reflective of the changing needs of Maine families. In addition, the working group shall study the laws governing prearranged funerals. The working group may not hold more than 4 meetings; and be it further

Sec. 3. Recommendations; authorization to report out legislation. Resolved: That the working group established under section 1 shall make its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development by March 15, 2002. The Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development may report out legislation on the working group's recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 31

H.P. 1252 - L.D. 1700

Resolve, to Encourage State Monitoring and Management of Conservation Easements

Sec. 1. Pooling of resources for monitoring and management of conservation easements. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Atlantic Salmon Commission are encouraged to pool existing resources for the purpose