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131st Legislature (2022-2024)

History and Final Disposition

LD 536 / HP0341

An Act to Provide Natural Organic Reduction Facilities for Maine Residents for the Conversion of Human Remains to Soil. Presented by Representative DOUDERA of Camden. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 04/04/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 05/18/23. Amended by: CA H-129, SA/CA S-588. Carried Over: 07/26/23. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 04/27/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 676.

Original Bill

[LD 536 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Analyst Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 536 / PL 2023, c. 676](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0536.pdf)
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(04/04/2023\)](#)
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(04/19/2023\)](#)
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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-129\) \(LD 536 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-588\) \(LD 536 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, February 9, 2023 \(H-104-112\)](#)

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[SENATE, February 9, 2023 \(S-131-146\)](#)

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[HOUSE, May 16, 2023 \(H-481-497\)](#)

p. H-490 (Amendment(s) H-129)

[SENATE, May 18, 2023 \(S-715-742\)](#)

p. S-733 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) H-129)

[SENATE, May 23, 2023 \(S-743-789\)](#)

p. S-776 (Amendment(s) H-129)

[HOUSE, May 30, 2023 \(H-570-583\)](#)

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p. S-876 (Amendment(s) H-129)

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[HOUSE, July 25, 2023 \(H-1153-1189\)](#)

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[SENATE, April 11, 2024 \(S-2264-2300\)](#)

p. S-2299 (Amendment(s) H-129, S-588)

[HOUSE, April 12, 2024 \(H-1758-1770\)](#)

p. H-1758 (Amendment(s) H-129, S-588)

[HOUSE, April 12, 2024 \(H-1758-1770\)](#)

p. H-1770 (Amendment(s) S-588, H-129)

[SENATE, April 12, 2024 \(S-2301-2346\)](#)

p. S-2343 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p2344)) (Amendment(s) S-588, H-129)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2023, c. 676](#)

News Articles

Composting human remains may be legalized in Maine (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 5/30/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD05xx/nc131-LD-0536/PPH 230530A.pdf)

Maine just legalized composting human remains (Elizabeth Walztoni) (Bangor Daily News, 8/27/2024, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD05xx/nc131-LD-0536/BDN 240827C.pdf)

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