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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

296

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BURIAL EXPENSES

CLARK N

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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This Act ties into the Municipal General Assistance statute. Under this statute municipalities are required to have a general assistance program.

In the case of burial expenses of an eligible person, the overseer has 10 days to make a decision on the application for payment of burial expenses. In addition to parents and grandparents who are held responsible for a person's basic needs of all types, children and grandchildren are held responsible for burial expenses.

This Act repeals all the current burial provisions. It merely requires that the overseer be notified prior to making burial preparations and does not require approval. In addition, it specifically mentions other parties liable for burial expenses, including federal and state programs, e.g. social security. Finally, it indicates what types of expenses will be covered and specifies a dollar ceiling of \$650 for all expenses except cemetery lot and interment.

LD:

301

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARY FOR THE JUDGE
OF PROBATE FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY

This bill would raise the salary of the Judge of Probate for Cumberland County from \$14,322 to \$20,000.