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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:	651	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TERM 'AUTHORIZED PERSON' UNDER THE LAW RELATING TO DEATHS AND BURIALS	CLARK N
ND:	26		
		HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED	PUBLIC CH # 17

SUMMARY:

This bill defines who is an "authorized person" who may obtain permits needed to dispose of a dead human body. LD 26 would have allowed permits to be obtained by a member of the deceased's family, a person authorized by the deceased or a family member or with an indigent, by the municipal officers. LD 651 allows permits to be obtained by a family member, a person authorized by a family member if no family member wishes to assume that responsibility or in the absence of family, a person authorized by the deceased. This bill makes only one change in current law; currently a family member can authorize a nonfamily member only if no family member is "physically or mentally capable of the responsibility."

LD:	680	AN ACT CONCERNING THE NET WORTH REQUIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC EMPLOYER SELF-INSURERS	BRANNIGAN RIOUX DESCOTEAUX
LV-WD		HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV	

SUMMARY:

In order to self-insure, a municipality must estimate its net worth. Because this is difficult in most cases, the bill proposed to substitute a municipality's bond rating for net worth as a more measurable indication of a municipality's financial security. The bill was withdrawn because the Bureau of Insurance and the Maine Municipal Association could not agree on a recommendation for a suitable new measure.