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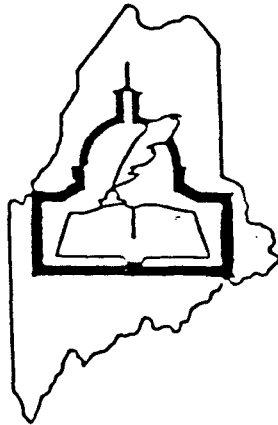
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BILL SUMMARY



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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: 910 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS STEVENSON
ND: 1517

OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to amend the law dealing with burial of persons eligible for municipal assistance to provide that funeral directors need not give notice to the overseer prior to making burial preparations when circumstances prevent that notice.

A new draft (LD 1517) clarified the intent of the original bill concerning the funeral director's responsibility to notify the overseer.

LD: 911 AN ACT TO REDUCE PAPERWORK AND MAKE BENEFITS MORE REFLECTIVE OF NEED IN THE AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN PROGRAM BRODEUR CONNOLLY

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

Federal law requires certain categories of Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients to report monthly to the Department of Human Services their income and other circumstances affecting eligibility. All persons required to report monthly must have their monthly grant amounts calculated retrospectively. This means that their grant amount in a particular month is based on their income and circumstances 2 months before. If a family loses a source of income, their AFDC grant cannot be increased to compensate for that loss for 2 months.

This bill:

1. limited the monthly reporting requirement to only those assistance units for whom reporting is mandatory under federal law;
2. required that grant amounts for families not subject to monthly reporting be calculated prospectively; and
3. required the department to investigate the cost effectiveness of monthly reporting for all mandatory reporting families and to seek a waiver from the system for those categories of recipients for whom it is found not cost effective.