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LD 379 An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 584 establishes the 10-member Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission to facilitate the identification and preservation of burying grounds and cemeteries located throughout Maine. The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services is responsible, within existing resources, to arrange for and attend commission meetings. The commission's duties may include advising and educating municipalities and property owners about the existence of and proper care and preservation of burying grounds and cemeteries.

LD 408 An Act to Update Dates and Committees of Jurisdiction for the State Government Evaluation Act Review of Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 617 updates the scheduling guideline dates and the description of four joint standing committees in the State Government Evaluation Act. It moves review of the bureau or division within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services that administers and enforces the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over medical use of marijuana. It moves review of the Maine State Housing Authority from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business matters to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters. It requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters to review the provisions and effects of the State Government Evaluation Act by March 30, 2032 and every 10 years thereafter and authorizes the committee to report out legislation based on its review.

LD 859 An Act To Give Municipalities More Options in Municipal Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 564 permits municipalities to adopt a method other than plurality vote for determining a secret ballot election of town officials or municipal referenda election if the different method is adopted at least 180 days before the election.