



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 518

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## An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

**Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium savings - General Fund

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Adding spouses and domestic partners to the list of relatives who are potentially responsible for the burial or cremation costs of a person who was eligible to receive municipal general assistance at the time of that person's death and striking the provision of law that restricts potentially responsible relatives to persons who live or own property in Maine will result in savings to the Department of Health and Human Services. The savings to the department are not expected to be significant because the frequency of general assistance paying for cremation or burial is very low. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because recipient data related to number of months on assistance, amounts paid to each recipient, number of recipients who return and the type of assistance provided resides at the municipal level and varies over time.