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An Act To Require Use of the Electronic Death Registration System

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2845**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 74, §3, is further amended to
3 read:

4 **§2845. Certificate of death typewritten or hand printed**

5 ~~Any~~ A death certificate required to be filed ~~by~~ under this chapter ~~by an authorized~~
6 person as described in section 2846 must be typewritten or legibly hand printed prior to
7 such filing.

8 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2847** is enacted to read:

9 **§2847. Electronic death registration system**

10 Beginning January 1, 2012, a certificate of death required to be filed by any person
11 authorized under section 2842 pursuant to this chapter must be filed using the electronic
12 death registration system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. This
13 section does not apply to an authorized person under section 2846. The State Registrar of
14 Vital Statistics shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted
15 pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
16 subchapter 2-A.

17 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised
18 Statutes, Title 22, section 2845 takes effect January 1, 2012.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2012, death certificates filed by funeral
21 directors or certain other persons must be filed using the electronic death registration
22 system maintained by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.