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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 889, L.D. 1375, “An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Maintenance Fund; chapel.

The one-time appropriation in this Act for the construction and maintenance of a chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery located off Civic Center Drive in Augusta must be deposited into the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Maintenance Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 504, subsection 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 37-B, section 504, subsection 6, any money from the appropriation that is not used for the construction of the chapel remains in the fund to be used solely for the maintenance of the chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery located off Civic Center Drive in Augusta.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for the construction and maintenance of a chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery located off Civic Center Drive in Augusta.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, reduces the
5 appropriation in the bill from \$1,200,000 to \$300,000. The amendment also clarifies that
6 a chapel is to be constructed at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery located off Civic
7 Center Drive in Augusta. It requires that the appropriation be deposited into the Maine
8 Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Maintenance Fund and provides that any funds remaining
9 after construction of the chapel remain in the fund to be used solely for maintenance of the
10 chapel.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
12 **(See attached)**