

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

S.P. 117 - L.D. 250

An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3028-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 335, §1, is amended to read:

The Chief Medical Examiner may assume responsibility for the disposal of identified human remains of a deceased resident of this State that are the subject of a medical examiner case if no one takes custody and control of the human remains for a period of ~~30~~ 15 days after the Chief Medical Examiner has both completed an autopsy or necessary examination of the human remains and made reasonable inquiry under section 3028-D, subsection 1. Such abandoned remains may be interred or cremated. The Chief Medical Examiner shall file or cause to be filed a certificate of abandonment in the municipality where the human remains were recovered that indicates the means of disposal.