

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

S.P. 241 - L.D. 562

An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes When the Transport is at the Request of the Chief Medical Examiner

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3024, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 445, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

The Chief Medical Examiner may authorize any other expenses necessary to carry out the Chief Medical Examiner's duties. The Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse a funeral establishment that transports a body to Augusta at the request of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner at the following rates: for up to and including the first 25 miles, ~~\$120~~ \$135; for the next 25 miles, ~~\$2~~ \$2.20 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body; and for miles in excess of 50, ~~\$1.75~~ \$2 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body. If an employee of a funeral establishment is required to wait at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner due to processes or other official activities of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse the funeral establishment at a rate equal to the wage rate in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 for the period of time the employee waits.

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

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the transportation reimbursement rate and to establish a reimbursement rate for employees of funeral establishments requested to transport a body for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner who are required to wait.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,000