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An Act To Amend the Veterans' Services Laws

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Presented by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and
Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, GIFFORD of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington,
LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§5-C** is enacted to read:

3 **5-C.**

4 <u>Defense, Veterans</u>	<u>Maine Veterans'</u>	<u>Expenses Only</u>	<u>37-B MRSA §512-A</u>
5 <u>and Emergency</u>	<u>Memorial Cemetery</u>		
6 <u>Management</u>	<u>System Care Fund</u>		
7	<u>Advisory Board</u>		

8 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §508**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 406, §11, is further
9 amended to read:

10 **§508. Veteran service officers**

11 Veteran service officers shall serve, assist and advocate for all veterans. A veteran
12 service officer must be trained and conversant on the issues, benefits and definitions
13 affecting all veterans, including atomic, Vietnam, Desert Storm and female veterans. The
14 bureau shall have at least one veteran service officer who specializes in female veterans'
15 issues.

16 **Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §512-A** is enacted to read:

17 **§512-A. Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund Advisory Board**

18 **1. Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund Advisory Board;**
19 **establishment.** The Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund Advisory
20 Board, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5-C and referred to in this
21 section as "the board," shall monitor, facilitate and provide recommendations for the
22 administration, management and use of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System
23 Care Fund.

24 **2. Members.** The board consists of the following 7 members appointed by the
25 Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management:

26 A. One member representing the interests of the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans
27 and Emergency Management;

28 B. One member representing the interests of the Treasurer of State;

29 C. One member representing the interests of the American Legion or a successor
30 organization;

31 D. One member representing the interests of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or a
32 successor organization;

33 E. One member representing the interests of Disabled American Veterans or a
34 successor organization;

35 F. One member representing the interests of American Veterans or a successor
36 organization; and

