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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 777, L.D. 1054, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Use of Burying Grounds and Family Burying Grounds"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Ancient Burying Grounds'

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

'Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §1101, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 524, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Grave sites of veterans in ancient burying grounds. In any ancient burying ground, as referenced in Title 30-A, section 5723, the municipality in which that burying ground is located, in collaboration with veterans' organizations, cemetery associations, civic and fraternal organizations, descendants of veterans buried in the ancient burying ground and other interested persons, shall keep in good condition all graves, headstones, monuments and markers designating the burial place of Revolutionary soldiers and sailors and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States. To the best of its ability given the location and accessibility of the ancient burying ground, the municipality, in collaboration with veterans' organizations, cemetery associations, civic and fraternal organizations, descendants of veterans buried in the ancient burying ground and other interested persons, shall keep the grass, weeds and brush suitably cut and trimmed on those graves from May 1st to September 30th of each year. A municipality may designate a caretaker to whom it delegates for a specified period of time the municipality's responsibilities regarding an ancient burying ground. A caretaker for a municipality may be designated only by a writing signed by the municipal officers as defined in Title 30-A, section 2001, subsection 10.

Sec. 2. 13 MRSA §1101-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 700, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Ancient burying ground. "Ancient burying ground" means a cemetery established before 1880 in which burial is restricted to:

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