

LD 1123 An Act To Authorize a Memorial to the Victims of COVID-19 (Chipman)

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SUMMARY

This bill permits, but does not require, the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for and oversee the development and installation of a monument honoring the victims of the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19.

TESTIMONY*

Sponsor: Representative Collings

- 767 deaths in Maine

Proponents: none

Opponents: none

NFNA: none

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INFORMATION**STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL PARK COMMISSION** (Title 3, ch. 31)

- The Legislative Council has jurisdiction over the State House (exterior and interior) and the immediate grounds, including Capitol Park (3 MRSA §902-A)
- Any action taken regarding Capitol Park must be consistent with the plan developed by the Olmsted Brothers in 1920 and revised by the Pressley firm in 1990 (§902-A)
- The Legislative Council must approve any changes made to the State House or its immediate grounds and the Governor must be notified before the Legislative Council votes on any such change (§902-A)

Prior Memorials

The 128th Legislature passed and the Governor signed, LD 1918, An Act to Authorize the Installation of a Gold Star Family Memorial in Capitol Park (P.L. 2017 ch. 469). The language in this bill mirrors the language in that law.

FISCAL IMPACT - Preliminary (OFPR)

None provided as of this date.

* The section is not intended to reflect all comments and may include unintentionally errors.