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## **An Act Concerning Cremated Remains**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1405-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 611, §1, is amended to read:

### **§ 1405-A. Disposition of cremated remains**

A funeral director or a practitioner of funeral services who receives ~~cremains~~cremated remains or has received ~~cremains~~cremated remains prior to the effective date of this section may dispose of those ~~cremains~~cremated remains in accordance with Title 13, section 1032, providing the following conditions have been met:

**1. Cremated remains not claimed for one year.** The ~~cremains~~cremated remains have not been claimed after a time period of at least ~~4 years~~one year from the time of cremation; and

**2. Notice.** The funeral director or practitioner of funeral services has sent notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the person who authorized the cremation at least 60 days prior to disposal.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill decreases the time that a funeral director must keep cremated remains from 4 years to one year. The bill also replaces the word "cremains" with "cremated remains."