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House of Representatives, March 26, 2015

**An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities To Assist with the
Maintenance of Veterans' Graves**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and
Senator: JOHNSON of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §515** is enacted to read:

3 **§515. Municipal Veterans' Graves Fund**

4 The Municipal Veterans' Graves Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is
5 established as a nonlapsing, interest-bearing fund administered by the bureau. The fund
6 consists of appropriations and allocations for inclusion into the fund, gifts and grants
7 from outside sources and interest from investments of the fund as the bureau determines
8 appropriate. The bureau shall disburse grants from the fund to municipalities for the
9 purpose of maintaining veterans' graves under Title 13, section 1101 on an as-needed
10 basis as determined by the bureau. The bureau shall adopt routine technical rules as
11 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this section.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT**
15 **OF**

16 **Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services**

17 Initiative: Provides funds for the Municipal Veterans' Graves Fund under the Maine
18 Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 515 to provide grants to municipalities for the
19 maintenance of veterans' graves in municipal cemeteries.

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21	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
22	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill creates the Municipal Veterans' Graves Fund, administered by the
27 Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine
28 Veterans' Services, and appropriates \$1,000,000 to provide grants to municipalities for
29 the maintenance of veterans' graves in municipal cemeteries.