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## CREMATORIA REGISTRATION IN MAINE

Provisions of 32 MRSA §1405, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services approval of facilities to host the cremation of human bodies. DHHS has historically interpreted the statutes to restrict the location of crematoria to cemetery grounds operated by municipal corporations, religious or charitable associations, or non-profit corporations. A recent change in law now allows for profit entities to operate licensed crematoria.

Pursuant to L.D. 1289, the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature required entities seeking to construct and operate crematoria to be licensed by DHHS. Registration approval from the DHHS, Division of Environmental Health is required prior to such operation and construction. The following items are required for such a registration:

- **Registration Application:** Submit a completed application for registration of the proposed crematorium (copy enclosed).
- **Cremation Retort Specifications:** Submit manufacturer's specifications for the make and model of cremation retort(s) proposed.
- **Facility Plans:** Submit a plan or plans prepared by an architect or other knowledgeable professional, drawn to scale, showing the layout of rooms, storage areas, equipment, plumbing, and other features of the proposed facility as well as the location of the proposed structure in relation to the associated cemetery.
- **Right, Title, or Interest:** Submit a copy of a deed, lease, contract of sale, or letter of interest establishing right, title, or interest to the property upon which the proposed facility is to be located.
- **Review Fee:** Please submit a \$200.00 review fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine".

Please submit this information to:

Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Environmental Health  
Subsurface Wastewater Program  
286 Water Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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Enc.: Application Form