



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

ANCIENT BURIAL GROUNDS ACT

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CHAPTER A-11

1. Burial grounds vested in Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General

All burial grounds within the province in which the freehold is not vested in a corporation or one or more trustees for cemetery purposes and which are no longer actually used for burial purposes, are declared to be vested in the Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General of the province and the Minister's successors in office as a corporation sole. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap.A-9,s.1; 1993,c.29,s.4; 1997,c.20,s.3; 2000,c.5,s.3; 2010,c.14,s.3; 2012,c.17,s.2; 2015,c.28,s.3; 2025,c.11,s.2(2).*

2. Legal action by the Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General, for the purpose of protecting the burial grounds, has the power at all times to take and bring in the Minister's name as Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General all proceedings, actions and suits as may be necessary to protect the burial grounds from being trespassed upon or defaced or damaged. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap.A-9,s.2; 1993,c.29,s.4; 1997,c.20,s.3; 2000,c.5,s.3; 2010,c.14,s.3; 2012,c.17,s.2; 2015,c.28,s.3; 2025,c.11,s.2(3).*

3. Rights of ordinary plaintiff

In any suits or proceedings under this Act, the Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General has the same rights as an ordinary plaintiff. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap.A-9,s.3; 1993,c.29,s.4; 1997,c.20,s.3; 2000,c.5,s.3; 2010,c.14,s.3; 2012,c.17,s.2; 2015,c.28,s.3; 2025,c.11,s.2(4).*

4. Permit to visit

The Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General has the right to grant permits to persons, in good faith, desirous of visiting or entering the burial grounds surrounded by privately owned lands and the permit is sufficient answer to any claim or suit threatened or brought against any persons using a permit. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap.A-9,s.4; 1993,c.29,s.4; 1997,c.20,s.3; 2000,c.5,s.3; 2010,c.14,s.3; 2012,c.17,s.2; 2015,c.28,s.3; 2025,c.11,s.2(5).*

5. *Idem*

A permit may be granted under section 4 whether or not the cemetery is vested in a corporation or in trustees. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. A-9, s.5.*