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House of Representatives, February 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hanson of Kennebunkport.

Cosponsor: Mr. Lizotte of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Workers' Compensation for Fire Personnel.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 64-B, as amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 10, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association if that person is a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association and if that person aids in the extinguishment of fires, regardless of whether or not that person has administrative duties or other duties as a member of the municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 64-C, as amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 10, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association if that person is a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association and if that person aids in the extinguishment of fires, regardless of whether or not that person has administrative duties or other duties as a member of the municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that members of municipal fire departments and volunteer fire fighters' associations who do fight fires, regardless of the fact that they may have other duties as fire personnel which prevent them from fighting fires full time, are covered under provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law concerning cardiovascular injury or pulmonary disease.