

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 85

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7 S.P. 30

In Senate, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested  
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

Cosponsor: Representative McHenry of Madawaska.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Reduce the Amount Municipal-  
18 ities Outside the Maine Forestry  
19 District must pay for Controlling  
20 and Extinguishing Forest Fires.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 12 MRSA §9204, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3,  
25 is amended to read:

26 §9204. Payment of costs; state reimbursement

27 Municipalities, outside the limits of the Maine  
28 Forestry District, shall pay for controlling and  
29 extinguishing forest fires up to ~~1%~~ 1/2 of 1% of  
30 their state valuation and the State shall reimburse  
31 them 1/2 these costs incurred by the forest fire  
32 warden in charge therein. Reimbursement will not be  
33 allowed for use or loss of municipally-owned equip-

1 ment within the town in which the fire occurred. A  
2 town going to the aid of another, even to protect  
3 itself, when requested by the state forest ranger in  
4 charge, shall be paid by the town aided if the total  
5 suppression cost of the town is not over 1% of its  
6 state valuation.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this bill is to reduce the portion  
9 a municipality must pay for controlling and extin-  
10 guishing forest fires.

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