

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 24, 1955

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fay of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to the Establishment of a Fund for Fire Fighters.

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

R. S., c. 97, §§ 60-A - 60-E, additional. Chapter 97 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 60-A to 60-E, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 60-A. Fund established. A fund shall be established to provide for payments to injured fire fighters and dependents of deceased fire fighters, in accordance with the provisions of sections 60-A to 60-E, inclusive.

Sec. 60-B. Payments to fund. Every company writing or underwriting fire insurance on property located in the State of Maine shall pay into the fund  $\frac{1}{8}$  of 1% of each dollar of premium on fire insurance written, undertaken or in effect on and after July 1, 1955.

Sec. 60-C. Board. A Board, consisting of 3 members, shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to administer the fund.

One member of the Board shall be appointed from the State Insurance Department, one member of the Board shall be appointed from the Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters and the third member from the Association of Fire Chiefs. One of these members shall be designated as chairman.

One member first appointed to this Board shall serve for a term of one year, another member for a term of 2 years, and another member for a term of 3 years. As each member's term expires he shall be reappointed, or a new member from

the same group that such member represents, shall be appointed for a full term of 3 years. The members of this Board shall serve without salary. All payments made from the fund in accordance with sections 60-A to 60-E, inclusive, shall be made only after approval by this Board.

**Sec. 60-D. Payments to fire fighters.** At the discretion of the Board, payments shall be made from the fund to fire fighters injured in the line of duty to adjust with any and all other compensation such injured fire fighter will receive so as to total no more than a full week's pay to such fire fighter weekly during such disability.

**Sec. 60-E. Payments to dependents.** Payments shall be made to the dependents of deceased fire fighters, whose death is attributable to or traceable to the line of duty, so as to provide for the adequate support, maintenance and education of such dependent or dependents. Such payments shall be in addition to any and all other payments to the said deceased fire fighter or his family and the duration of such payments shall be at the discretion of the Board.'