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firefighters are required to use the protective equipment whenever exposed to the hazards for which that equipment is provided. The protective equipment must consist of protective clothing, helmet ensemble, foot, hand and hearing protection, self-contained breathing apparatus, personal alert safety systems and fire service life safety rope, harness and hardware. The law requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to notify municipal fire departments and volunteer fire departments and associations of the requirements to provide appropriate firefighting protective equipment and the commercial availability of firefighting protective equipment for females.

Public Law 2021, chapter 442 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2021.

LD 1290 An Act To Amend the Statement of Purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 To Include Emergency Responses That Do Not Require Transportation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 159 amends the statutory purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to provide that the treatment and nontransport of the sick and injured is a key element of an emergency medical services system.

LD 1313 An Act To Clarify Who Signs and Swears to a Certificate Stating the Results of a Breath-alcohol Test

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 204 clarifies that a certificate of a chemical analysis of a breath-alcohol test with respect to a motor vehicle offense may be used as prima facie evidence only if the certificate is issued by the qualified person who administered the test.

LD 1316 An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 444 provides funding for the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to be used for the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. Funding is provided in the amount of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2021-22.