

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tyndale of Kennebunkport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing Funds to Municipalities for Purchase of Fire Equipment.**

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

**R. S., c. 97, § 29-A, additional.** Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 29-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 29-A. Funds for municipalities to purchase fire equipment.** Every fire insurance company or association which does business or collects premiums or assessments in the State shall pay to the State Tax Assessor on the first day of May, annually, in addition to the taxes now imposed by law to be paid by such companies or associations, an additional  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% of the gross direct premiums for fire risks written in the State during the preceding calendar year, less the amount of all direct return premiums thereon and all dividends paid to policyholders on direct fire premiums during said calendar year. The State Tax Assessor shall pay over all receipts from such tax to the Treasurer of State daily.

After the end of the fiscal year, said moneys, on approval of the Governor and Council, shall be paid to the several municipalities of the State in the same proportion as the total number of inhabitants of each municipality bears to the number of inhabitants of the State. The moneys so paid to a municipality shall be kept separate to be used solely, on request of the municipal fire department or an organized volunteer fire department in the municipality, for the purchase of fire engines, hose, ladders or other apparatus or equipment used for the extinguishing of fires, or the preservation of life or property from destruction at fires.'