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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1707, L.D. 2100,
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Municipal Fire Protection."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 1
the following:

'Sec. 2. R.S., T. 25, §2501, amended. The first paragraph of section 2501 of Title 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Director of the Bureau of Forestry shall appoint a forest fire warden in each organized municipality within the State outside the limits of the Maine Forestry District for the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest fires. The municipal fire chief shall be appointed as forest fire warden if practicable and no other person shall be appointed without the approval of the municipal officers. All appointed forest fire wardens shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of the Bureau of Forestry and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties and a certificate thereof shall be returned to the office of the Director of the Bureau of Forestry. Whoever has been notified of this appointment shall file with the Director of the Bureau of Forestry his acceptance or rejection within 10 days. The appointed forest fire warden may appoint one or more deputy forest fire wardens subject to approval of the municipal officers and may delegate to one of them authority to issue burning permits under section 1551 of Title 12.'

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out all of paragraph A of subsection 2 of that part designated "§3773." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'A. Direct and control all municipal and volunteer firefighters in the performance of firefighting operations within the municipality except as provided in Titles 12 and 25.'

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by

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striking out all of subsection 3 of that part designated "3774." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'3. Medical examinations. No person hired after the effective date of this Act shall serve as a full-time member of a municipal fire department unless he has undergone a complete preemployment medical examination; nor shall he serve as a full-time member of a municipal fire department, if in the opinion of competent medical authority after examination, he is not capable of performing the duties required of him.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 2 to 4 to be 3 to 5.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to further clarify the law.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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