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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 230, L.D. 286, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Pulmonary and Cardiac Diseases under the Workmen's Compensation Act."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of the Title and inserting in place thereof the following new Title: 'AN ACT Relating to Pulmonary Disease under the Workmen's Compensation Act.'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§ 64-B. Pulmonary disease suffered by a fire fighter

If any person has been an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association for at least 2 years prior to the onset of a pulmonary disease and if said disease has developed within 6 months of having participated in fire fighting or training or drill which actually involves fire fighting, it shall be presumed, unless the employer proves the contrary by a preponderance of the evidence, that the employee contracted the disease arising out of and in the

course of his employment, that sufficient notice of the disease has been given, and that the disease was not occasioned by the willful

intention of the employee to injure himself or another.

§ 64-C. Pulmonary disease resulting in a fire fighters' death

If any person had been an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association for at least 2 years prior to the onset of a pulmonary disease and if that person had developed the disease which resulted in death

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within 6 months of having participated in fire fighting or training or drill which actually involves fire fighting, it shall be presumed, unless his employer proves to the contrary by a preponderance of the evidence, that the person received the disease arising out of and in the course of his employment, that sufficient notice of the disease was given, and that the disease was not occasioned by the willful intention of the employee to injure himself or another.

Statement of Fact

This amendment limits the bill to pulmonary disease suffered by a firefighter by deleting references to cardiovascular injury or disease. This amendment also clarifies the language of section 64-C.

(Mrs. Cummings)

NAME:

COUNTY: Penobscot

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