

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1216

S. P. 362

In Senate, March 28, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Local & County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Training Municipal Fire Departments, Incorporated
Volunteer Fire Departments and Fire Brigades.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2551, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 72, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2551. **Program**

The commissioner shall have the authority to conduct a program to provide training for members of municipal fire departments, incorporated volunteer fire departments, industrial and institutional fire brigades.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2552, as amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 47, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2552. **Advisory committee**

There shall be established an advisory committee to consult and advise the commissioner in carrying out the administration of section 2551. The committee shall consist of 9 members: One full-time chief and one call or volunteer chief appointed by the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.; one full-time fire fighter and one call or volunteer fire fighter appointed by the Maine Federation of Fire Fighters, Inc.; one city or town manager and one selectman appointed by the Maine Municipal Association, Inc.; one member of an industrial or institutional fire brigade appointed by the trade; one representative from the field of insurance, appointed by the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.; and the consultant of the fire service program.

Of the members first appointed, the commissioner shall designate 3 members to serve for one year, 3 members to serve for 2 years and 3 to serve for 3 years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for 3 years. The committee shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 3. Present members. The terms of those persons appointed as members of the advisory committee prior to the enactment of this Act, shall expire on the effective date of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide for training of members of municipal fire departments, incorporated volunteer fire departments, industrial and institutional fire brigades. There are over 369 departments in the State of Maine plus industrial fire brigades. There are over 11,000 fire fighters. If this bill were funded, this would mean a cost of \$3 per year per fire fighter. For the 10,000 volunteer and call fire fighters who serve for little or no pay, this would at least assure them of training that may save the life of a citizen or a fellow fire fighter.