

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-132)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 173, L.D. 223, Bill,  
"AN ACT Relating to the Advisory Board to the Firemen's Training  
Program of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and  
inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Establish an Advisory Committee to the Commissioner  
of Educational and Cultural Services Relating to the Firemen's  
Training Program.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after  
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §2551, as repealed and replaced by  
PL 1977, c. 216, §1, is amended by inserting at the end the  
following new paragraph:

The commissioner shall have no authority to require  
participation in these programs by any members of a municipal  
fire department, incorporated volunteer fire department or  
industrial and institutional fire brigades. The commissioner  
shall not use participation in training programs as a  
condition of eligibility for the receipt of funds available  
for training programs.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §2552, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 216, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2552. Advisory committee

1. Establishment. An advisory committee to the commissioner shall be established to consult and advise him in carrying out the administration of section 2551. The committee shall consist of 13 members who shall be appointed by the commissioner as follows:

A. One municipal chief, one call chief and one volunteer chief recommended by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.;

B. One municipal firefighter, one call firefighter and one volunteer firefighter recommended by the Maine Federation of Firefighters, Inc.;

C. Two members recommended by the Maine Municipal Association, Inc., including one city or town manager and one selectman;

D. One member of an industrial or institutional fire brigade recommended by the Maine Safety Council;

E. One representative from the field of insurance recommended by the Maine Insurance Association, Inc.;

F. Two members recommended by the Maine Council of Firefighters, Inc.; and

G. One member from the general public.

2. Term of office. Of the members first appointed, the commissioner shall designate 5 members to serve for one year, 4 members to serve for 2 years and 4 members to serve for 3 years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for 3 years.

3. Chairman. The committee shall select a chairman from among its members.

4. Expenses. The committee members shall be reimbursed for their expenses but shall receive no other compensation for service on the committee.

5. Nonvoting representative. The department's consultant for the Fire Service Training Program shall be a nonvoting representative of the department at the committee meetings.

Sec. 3. Terms of office. The terms of office of those persons appointed as members of the advisory committee pursuant to Title 20, section 2552, prior to the enactment of this Act shall expire on the effective date of this Act.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Change the membership of the committee;
2. Provide for the election of a chairman from among the members; and
3. Clarify that training programs are voluntary.