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H. P. 173

House of Representatives, January 30, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Reeves of Pittston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to the Advisory Board to the Firemen's Training Program of the
Department of Educational and Cultural Services.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2552, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 216, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2552. Advisory board

There shall be an Advisory Board to the Firemen's Training Program of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services. The advisory board shall consist of 11 members: One full-time chief; one call or volunteer chief, recommended by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.; one full-time firefighter; one call firefighter, recommended by the Maine Federation of Firefighters, Inc; one city or town manager; one selectman, recommended by the Maine Municipal Association, Inc.; 2 members of a full-time organized fire department, recommended by the Maine Council of Firefighters, Inc.; one member of an industrial fire brigade, recommended by the trade; one representative from the field of insurance, recommended by the Maine Insurance Association, Inc.; and one member from the general public appointed by the Governor. Of the first members appointed, the Governor shall designate 4

members to serve 2 years, 4 members to serve 3 years and 3 members to serve 4 years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for 4 years. The board members shall be reimbursed for their expenses, but shall receive no other compensation for service on the board. The advisory board shall meet, consult with and advise the commissioner in carrying out the administration of section 2551.

Sec. 2. Terms of members appointed prior to effective date. The terms of persons appointed as members of the advisory committee prior to the effective date of this Act shall expire on the effective date of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the statute concerning the Firemen's Training Program of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services by establishing an advisory board for the program to replace the present advisory committee and by providing for equal representation from all related fire suppression forces on the board in order to insure equal training for all fire departments organized and unorganized.