

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1017

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H. P. 815

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hughes of Auburn, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Joyce of Portland.

Cosponsor: Mr. McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Ensure Firefighters may use a Reasonable Degree of Nondeadly  
Force to Carry Out their Firefighting Duties.**

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

**30 MRSA § 3774, sub-§ 1**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 680, § 5, is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read:

**A firefighter is authorized to use a reasonable degree of nondeadly force when he reasonably believes that this force is necessary to carry out his duties under this subsection.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill ensures that a firefighter is authorized to use a reasonable degree of nondeadly force when he reasonably believes that this force is necessary to carry out his duties.