

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 557**

H. P. 506

House of Representatives, February 2, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Twitchell of Norway.

Cosponsor: Representative Bell of Paris.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Fee Schedule for the Payment of Appointed Forest Fire Wardens.**

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

12 MRSA § 8902, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, § 3, is amended to read:

The State shall pay the appointed forest fire warden an annual fee of ~~\$100~~ \$200.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the annual fee paid to town forest fire wardens which has not been changed since it was established in 1954. Many town fire chiefs are reluctant to accept the town warden responsibilities because their personal cost to attend training meetings, pay telephone bills and automobile fuel costs for travel exceed the \$100 that is paid for expenses by the present statute. The town forest fire wardens are required to issue burning permits which might amount to several hundred per year in some towns. The present \$100 fee is not just compensation for the time and trouble of writing and giving out burning permits.