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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 519,
L.D. 644, Bill, "AN ACT to Allow the Commissioner of
Educational and Cultural Services to Charge a Fee for
Private Industrial Fire Brigade Training."

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Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting
clause the following:

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'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
lature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, many private industries in the State
need specialized firefighter training due to
increased storage, use and production of hazardous
substances in their plants; and

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Whereas, prompt and informed action by private
industrial fire brigades is often critical in con-
trolling a fire until the local firefighters arrive;
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Whereas, many private industries in the State
recognize the need for firefighter training and have
requested it for their fire brigades; and

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Whereas, the Department of Educational and Cul-
tural Services is authorized to provide firefighter
training for private industrial fire brigades; and

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Whereas, due to the heavy demand for firefighter
training for municipal and volunteer fire depart-
ments, the Department of Educational and Cultural
Services has not been able to provide adequate
firefighter training to private industrial brigades;
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Whereas, to enable the Department of Educational

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1 and Cultural Services to provide timely and thorough
2 firefighter training to private industrial brigades,
3 it is necessary to allow the department to charge a
4 reasonable fee for the training; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
6 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
7 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
8 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
9 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
10 therefore,'

11 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end
12 before the statement of fact the following:

13 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
14 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
15 when approved.'

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 The purpose of this amendment is to add an emer-
18 gency to the bill. The need for training of private
19 industrial fire brigades is obvious. They are the
20 first line of defense in a fire at an industrial
21 site. Their action may mean the difference between
22 protecting not only the plant, but the community in
23 which it is located. Because of the likelihood that
24 the industrial site will contain one or more hazard-
25 ous substances which may react in dangerous and
26 unpredictable ways with fire, special training of
27 fire brigades is essential. The companies themselves
28 recognize that fact; and several have requested
29 training. They appear to be willing to pay a reason-
30 able fee for the training.

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1 Enactment of the bill as an emergency measure
2 would allow the Department of Educational and Cul-
3 tural Services to begin providing the training in a
4 timely manner. Otherwise, it would be several months
5 before the training program could be implemented.

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