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1	L.D. 1888
2	(Filing No. H-412)
3	STATE OF MAINE
4 5	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 113TH LEGISLATURE
6	FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
7 8 9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1389, L.D. 1888, Bill, "AN ACT to Delay Implementation of Certain Fire Safety Standards."
10 11	Amend the bill by striking out all of sections land 2 and inserting in their place the following:
12 13	'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA \$2103, sub-\$1, ¶¶F and G, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 356, are amended to read:
14	F. Hearing protection; and
15	G. Self-contained breathing apparatus:
16 17	<pre>Sec. 2. 26 MRSA \$2103, sub-\$1, ¶¶H and I, as en- acted by PL 1987, c. 356, are repealed.'</pre>
18 19 20 21 22 23	Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 7 in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Self-contained Purchases of new self-contained" and inserting in its place the following: 'Self-contained'
24 25	Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:
26 27 28	'Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2104, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 356, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
29	4. Personal alert safety system. Each fire de-
30 31	partment shall provide a personal alert safety system with every self-contained breathing apparatus.
32 33	This subsection is effective beginning October 1, 1988.'

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2 This amendment makes 3 changes to 3 First, it deletes the requirement that fire service life safety ropes, harnesses and hardware be provided 5 all firefighters. The original intent was to re-6 quire that when the ropes are provided they must meet 7 the standards, but not that every firefighter must 8 carry them. The amendments to sections 1 and 2 of 9 the bill make this change. 10 The 2nd change this amendment makes is to retain 11 law's original language concerning what consti-12 tutes in-service self-contained breathing apparatus. 13 This bill represents an incorrect interpretation of 14 the intent of the original bill. 15 The 3rd change this amendment makes is to make 16 provision of the personal alert safety systems manda-17 tory, as in the current law that was enacted during 18 the First Regular Session, but the effective date this requirement is postponed for one year. Between 19 20 now and October 1, 1988, fire departments do not have 21 to provide a personal alert safety system with each 22 self-contained breathing apparatus; beginning October 1, 1988, the fire departments must provide a personal 23 24 alert safety system with each self-contained breath-

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to pay for the devices.

ing apparatus. This delay will provide time to re-

search the effectiveness of the systems to find the

best and most technologically-advanced models, while

also giving the towns time to appropriate the money

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