

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2278

S.P. 875 In Senate, February 17, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative HIGGINS of Scarborough,
Representative MACOMBER of South Portland, Representative
CHONKO of Topsham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Provide Replacement Funding and**
2 **Capital for the Maine Fire Training and**
3 **Education Program as offered by the**
4 **Southern Maine**
5 **Vocational-Technical Institute.**
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7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
8 follows:

9 **Appropriation.** The following funds are

1 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
2 purposes of this Act.

3		<u>1988-89</u>
4	Maine Vocational-Technical	
5	Institute System	
6	Personal Services	\$75,920
7	All Other	96,663
8	Capital Expenditures	98,756
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10	Total	<u>\$271,339</u>

11 Provides funds to be used
12 for continuation of the
13 Maine Fire Training and
14 Education Program at
15 Southern Maine Vocational-
16 Technical Institute.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill provides money, a 4.4% increase over
19 fiscal year 1987-88, which, combined with anticipated
20 dedicated fire insurance premium tax revenues,
21 \$147,159, and Southern Maine Vocational-Technical
22 Institute's general funding, \$160,000, will be used to
23 fund the same level of services provided in fiscal
24 year 1987-88 by the Maine Fire Training and Education
25 Program. In addition, it will provide funds for the
26 acquisition of capital items, mandated in part by
27 recently passed firefighter safety legislation.

28 The \$172,583 will be used to restore "soft" fiscal
29 year 1987-88 program revenues, namely, the one-time
30 expenditure of \$101,096 in fire insurance premium tax
31 carry-over money, \$59,406, of Carl Perkin's federal
32 funding and \$20,092 from the Maine Vocational-Technical
33 Institute System support office. This bill includes a
34 one-time capital request of \$98,756.

1 Without this level of funding, the state fire
2 academy, 8 regional fire academies, public fire
3 education, the audio-visual library and voluntary
4 firefighter certification testing programs would be
5 eliminated. Local field delivery training courses to
6 municipal and volunteer fire departments would also be
7 cut from an existing 120 courses per year to 90.
8 Additionally, the tuition cost for firefighters and
9 fire officers attending the associate degree program
10 in fire science would be increased from \$20 to \$75 per
11 course at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical
12 Institute and to \$99 per course at Eastern Maine
13 Vocational-Technical Institute.

14 Capital equipment would include a mobile smoke
15 trainer, needed to teach firefighters the safe use and
16 limitations of protective clothing and self-contained
17 breathing apparatus, as well as search and rescue
18 skills and confined-space entry. Other equipment will
19 be used to train fire officers in "Fire Incident
20 Command" systems, required by the "Superfund
21 Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986."

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