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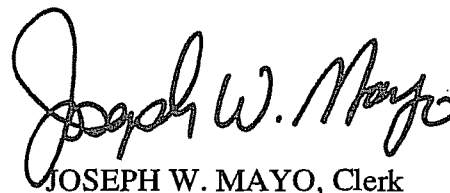
H.P. 362

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

**An Act to Coordinate Public Sector Occupational Health and Safety  
Regulations.**

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Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.  
Cosponsored by Representative: AIKMAN of Poland, Senator: BEGLEY of Lincoln.

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

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3           **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2107**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987,  
4 c. 552, §6, is amended to read:

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**§2107. Rules**

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9           ~~The Bureau of Labor Standards~~ Board of Occupational Safety  
10 and Health shall adopt rules to carry out and enforce this  
chapter.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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17           The minimum safety standards for firefighters were  
18 established in the law in 1987. The law gives the power to adopt  
rules to the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards.  
19 Generally, public sector occupational health and safety rules  
20 have been adopted by the Board of Occupational Safety and Health,  
21 of which the director is a member. This bill transfers  
rule-making authority from the director to the board to ensure  
22 coverage of all public sector firefighters and improve  
23 consistency in regulatory authority, enforcement activities and  
24 appeals.  
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